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SPECIAL

LIVE!



IT'S SO REAL
YOU'LL THINK YOU'RE
PART OF THE ADVENTURE!!!

THE LAST GAME CARTRIDGE HERO!

DIRECT EDITION

SONIC LIVE!

On the planet **Mobius**, a war is being waged between the ultimate forces of good and evil. Motivated by an intense desire to reshape the land and its people to his distinctive vision, **Doctor Robotnik** will stop at nothing to attain his dreams of global domination. Fighting to prevent the evil genius from carrying out his sick, twisted schemes is the legendary **Sonic The Hedgehog**, swiftest and slickest of them all.

While in many ways the tale is unique, in others it is as old as time. For, as Sonic has learned during his many adventures, there exist **other realities** in different dimensions and zones. Some are disturbingly similar, with events and combatants rearranged only because some action or decision varied from the reality Sonic knows. Others are wildly different, with little similarities or connections. Some realities are the result of their placement in time, and others due to location in physical space.

Until now, Sonic has only experienced other dimensions very similar to the one he currently exists on. Fate, however, has a way of stepping in and asserting itself, as Sonic's world is about to collide...

...with worlds beyond!

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COME OUT! COME OUT,

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG

WHEREVER YOU ARE!

COME OUT AND
FIGHT ME
MAN-BOT TO
HEDGEHOG!



KRA-KOOOOOM!

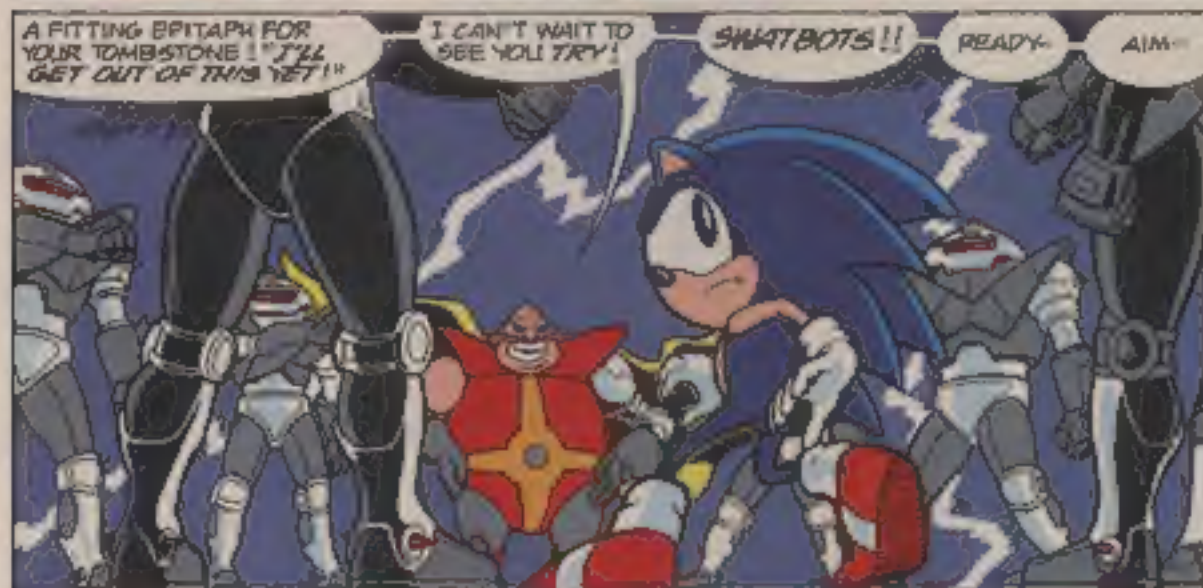
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WILL HAVE IT OUT FOR
THE LAST TIME!



THIS ONE'S
FOR ALL THE
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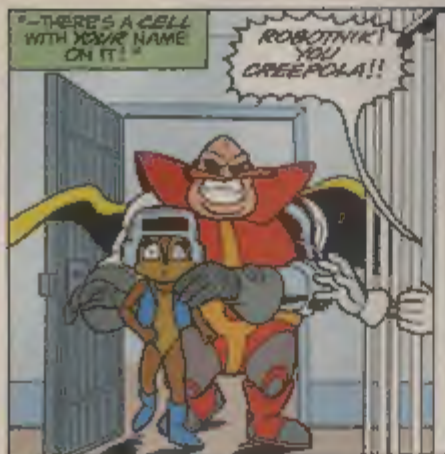


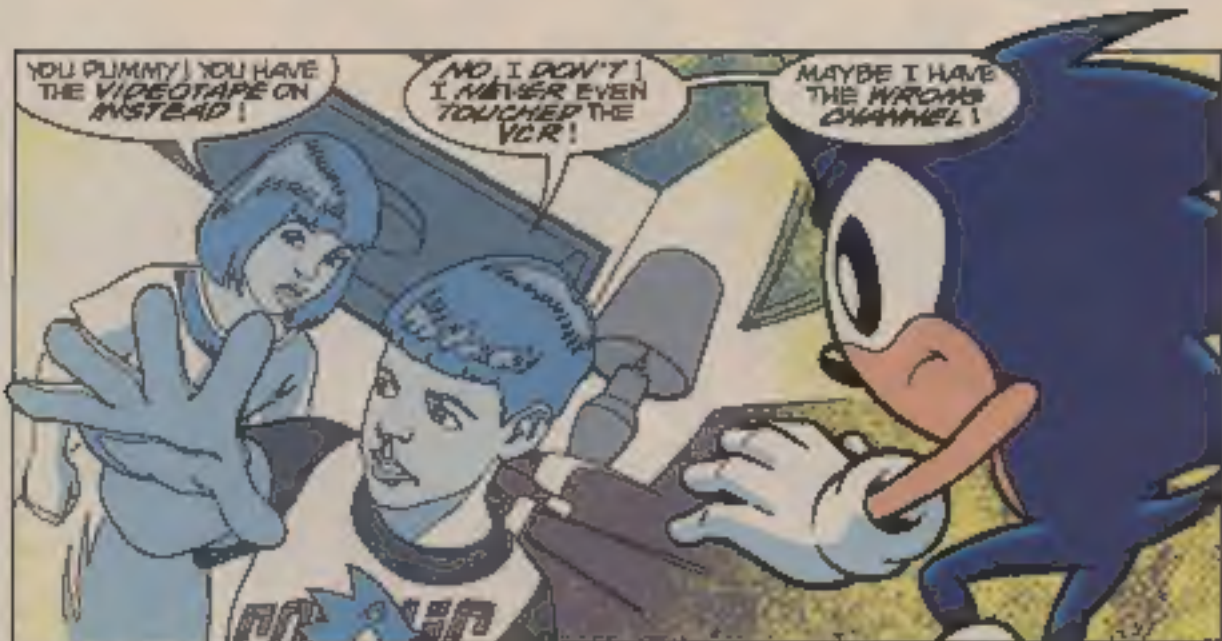














JESSIE!
IT'S
SONIC!

IT'S
REALLY
SONIC!

WOO
BOY!

HI,
KIDS!

SORRY
TO PULL A FAST
ONE—BUT THIS IS
IMPORTANT!



WHERE
ARE WE?

THE CLOSEST I CAN
FIGURE IS SOME SORT OF
"IN-BETWEEN" ZONE!

THIS FLOATING AROUND IS AWESOME!



IN-
BETWEEN
ZONE?

YEAH-- WE'RE
SOMEWHERE BETWEEN
WHERE I CAME FROM AND
WHERE YOU DO!

THE SURROUNDING ENERGY
SURGED TO THE POINT WHERE I WAS
ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU!



NOW, THE ENERGY
SURGES ARE
COALESCING AT
ANOTHER POINT!

AND SINCE
YOU'VE ARRIVED,
THE SURGES HAVE
GROWN STRONGER!



LET'S MAKE LIKE HEROES
AND SEE WHERE THIS
TAKES US!

WITH
ANY
LUCK--



—THE NEXT STOP
IS MOBIUS!

WAIT--LL MOM HEARS
ABOUT THIS!

END OF
PART 1

NOW THAT

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IS PLAYING HIS GOLDEN HARP...

THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP ANYONE FROM MARCHING TO THE BEAT OF MY DRUM!

PART II

YOU ALWAYS WERE GOOD AT CARRYING A TUNE, DOCTOR-

PART CULARLY DRASES

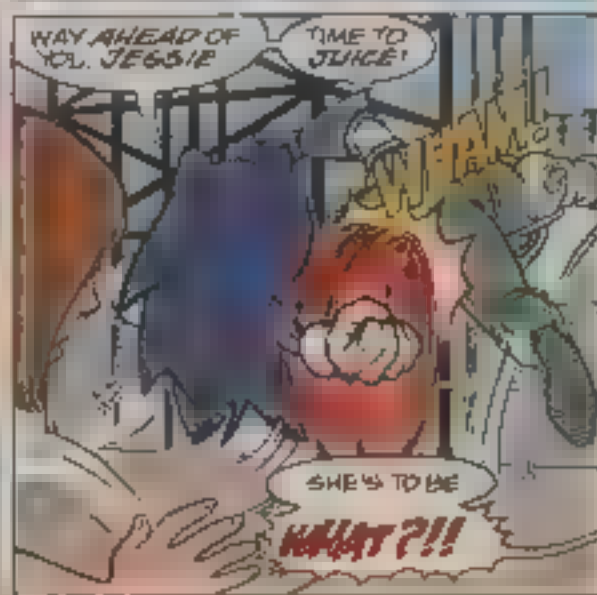
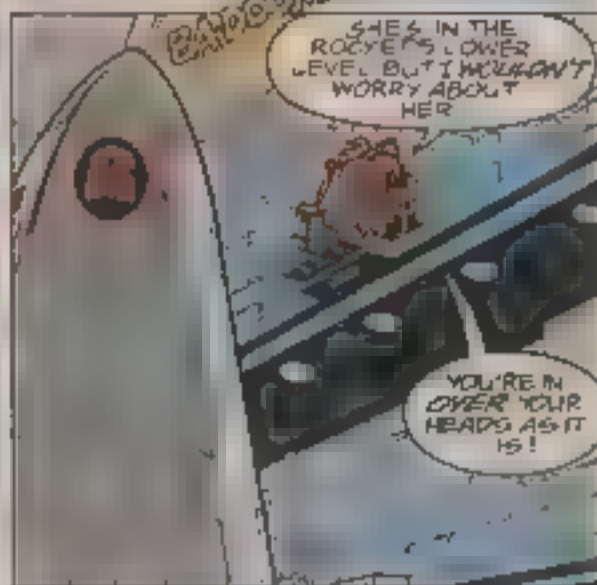
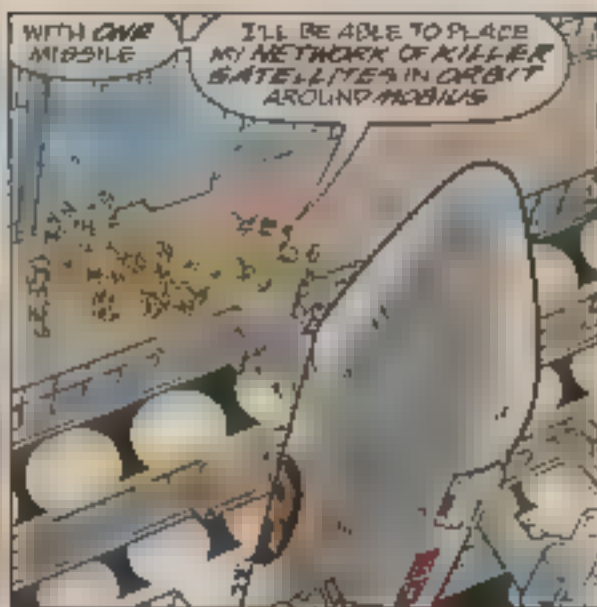
AH, YES-

BUT NOW BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE!

GENTLEMEN AND RAB-BOT, BE GOOD OF YOU TO JOIN US-

THINGS JUST WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU! AND THAT SUITS ME QUITE NICELY

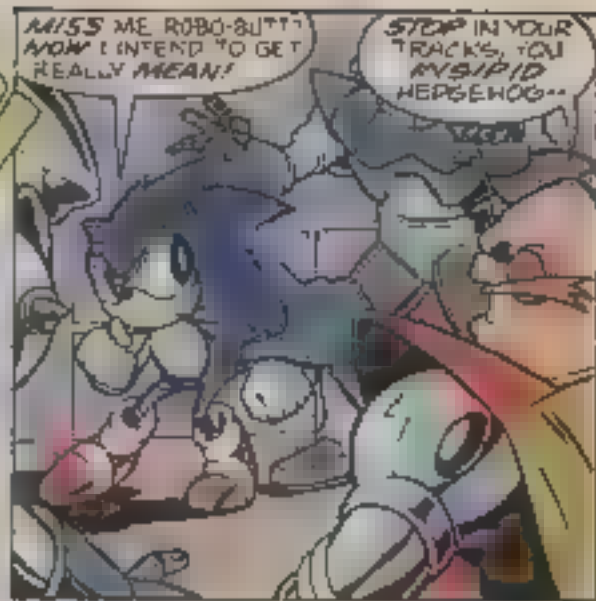
YOU JUST WAIT! IT ISN'T OVER TILL IT'S OVER!





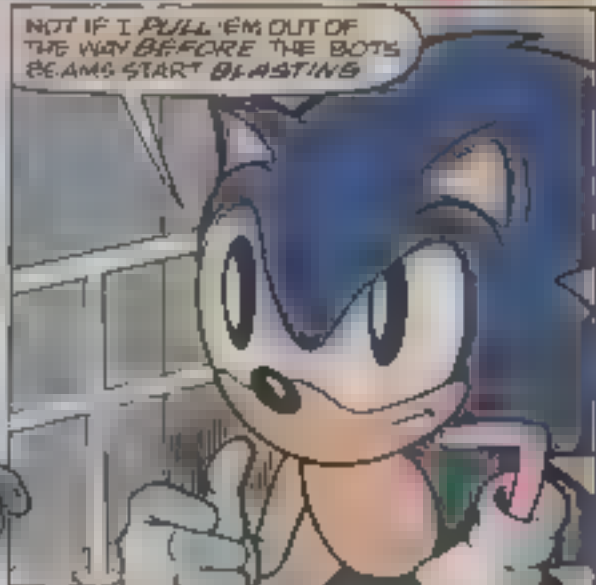
MISS ME ROBO-BUTT?
NOW I INTEND TO GET
REALLY MEAN!

STOP IN YOUR
TRACKS, YOU
KYSIPID
HERSEHOG--



--OR MY SWATBOTS WILL PREPARE
TODAY'S BLUE PLATE SPECIAL BY
FRICASSEING YOUR FRIENDS

NOT IF I PULL 'EM OUT OF
THE WAY BEFORE THE BOTS
BEAMS START BLASTING



THINK YOU
COULD?

BY YOUR
DEFINITION, I'M
THE VILLAIN.
THAT MEANS
I'M CAPABLE
OF ANY SICK,
TWISTED, EVIL
DEED.

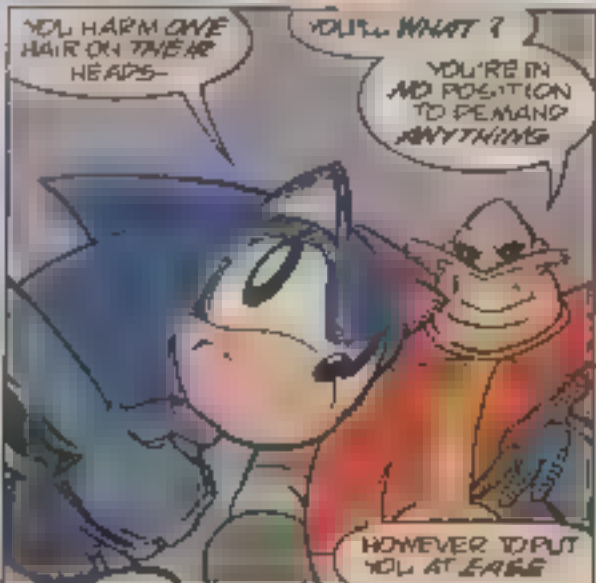
THE SICKER,
THE BETTER!

**THE
SICKER
THE
BETTER!**

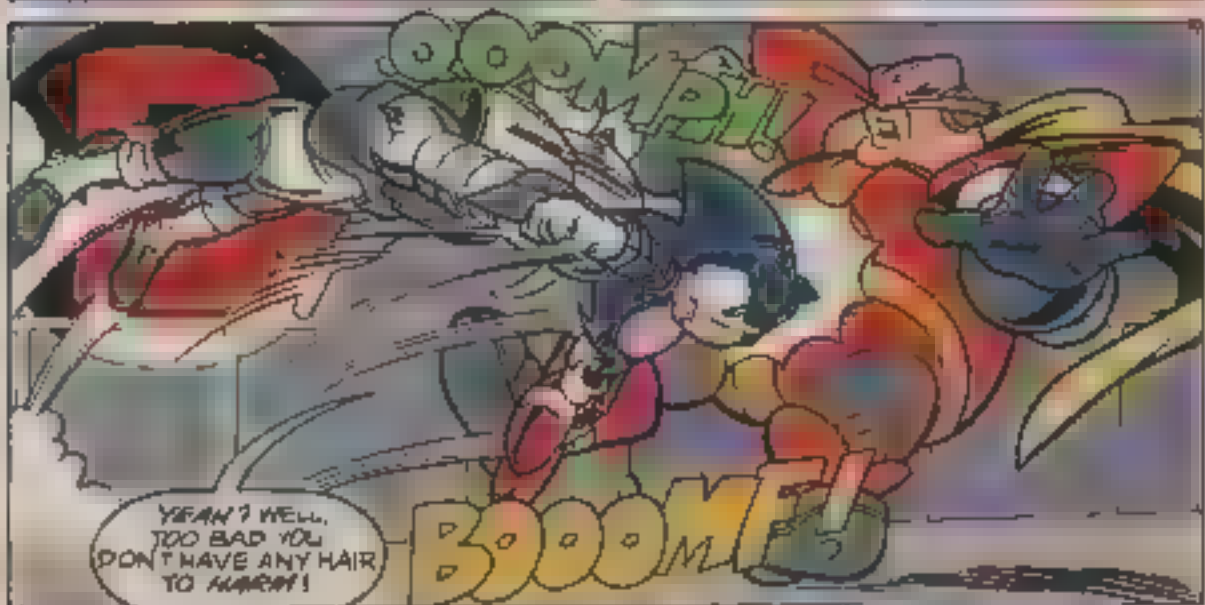
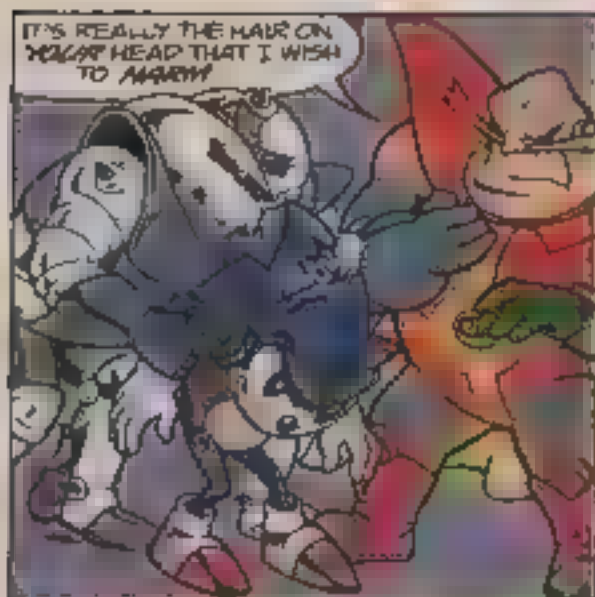
YOU HARM ONE
HAIR ON THEIR
HEADS--

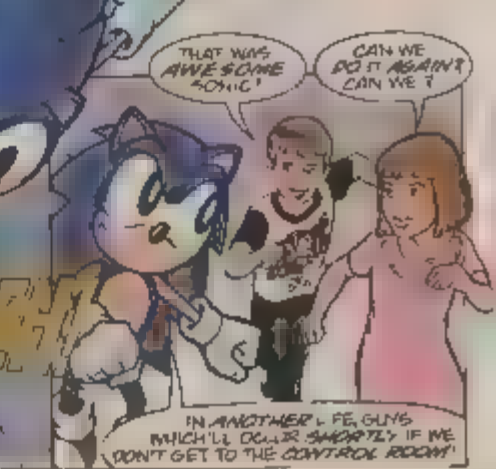
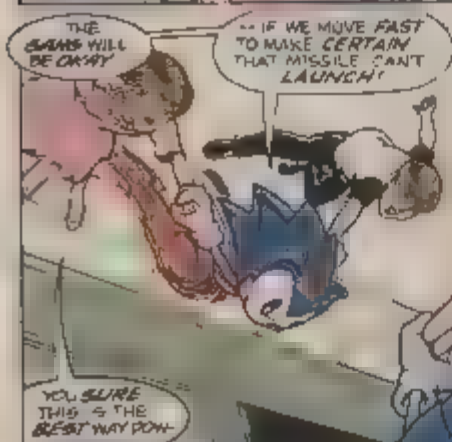
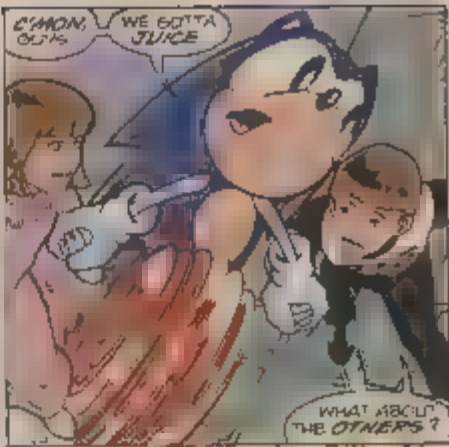
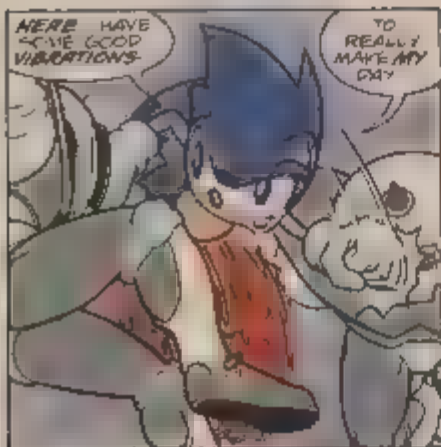
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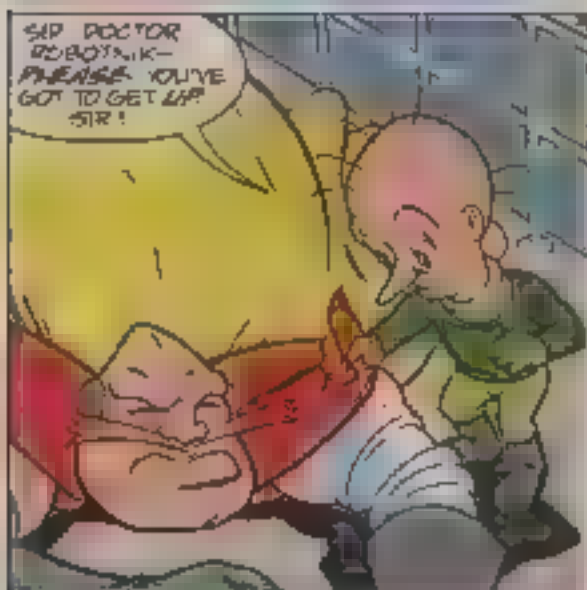
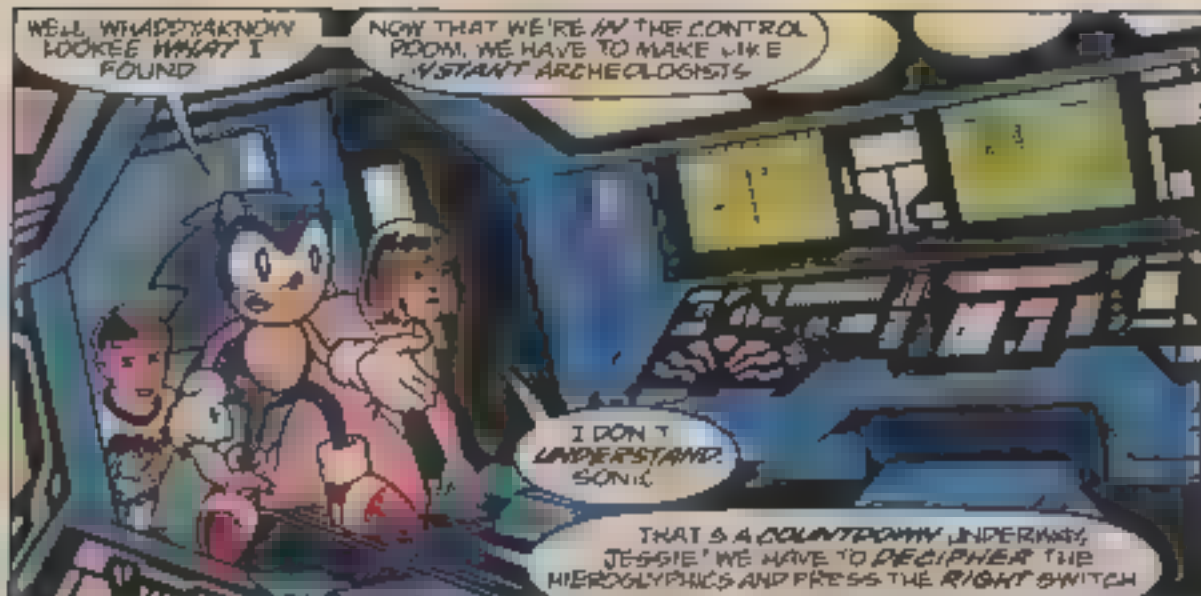
YOU'RE IN
NO POSITION
TO DEMAND
ANYTHING

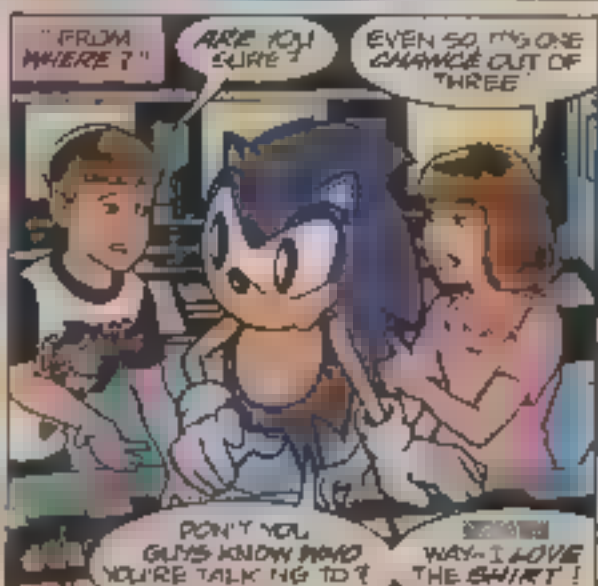
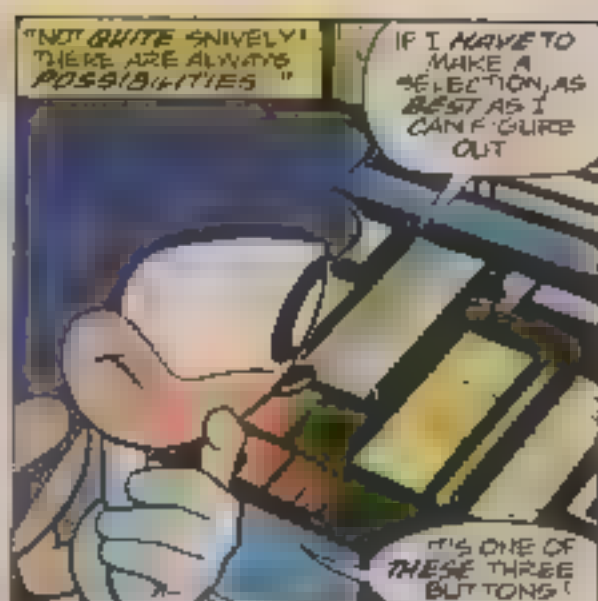
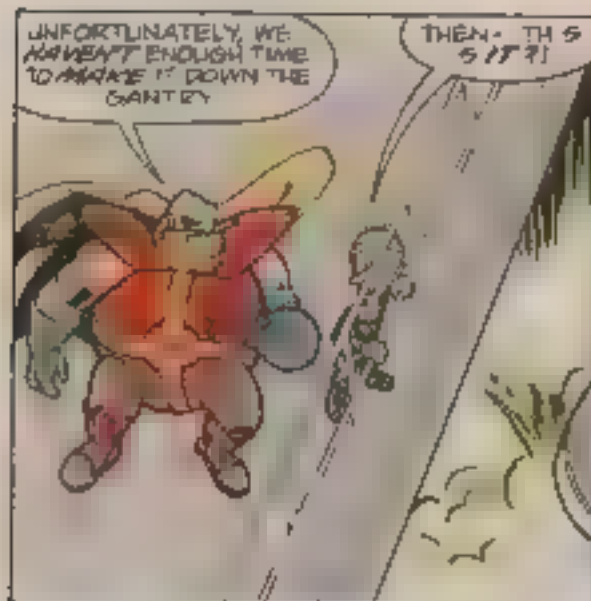


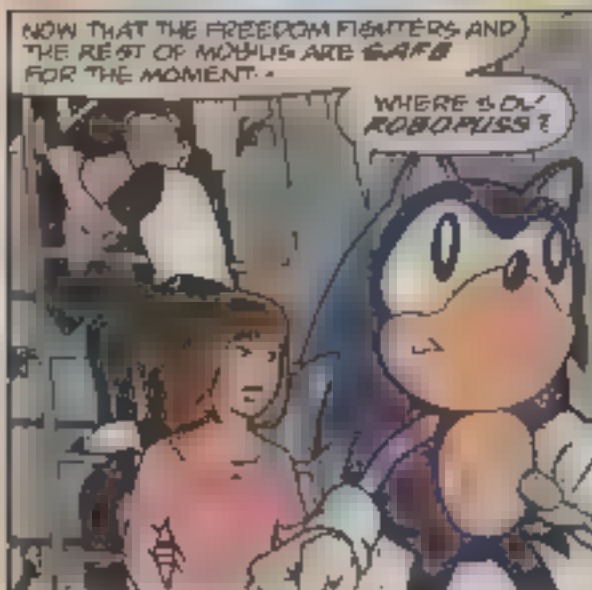
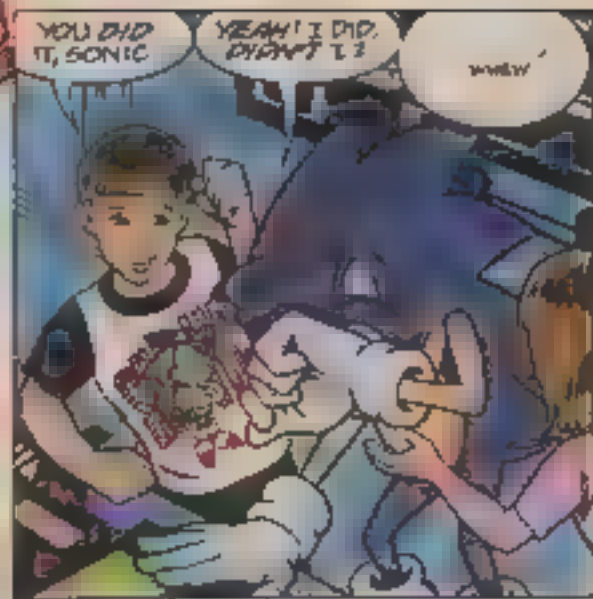
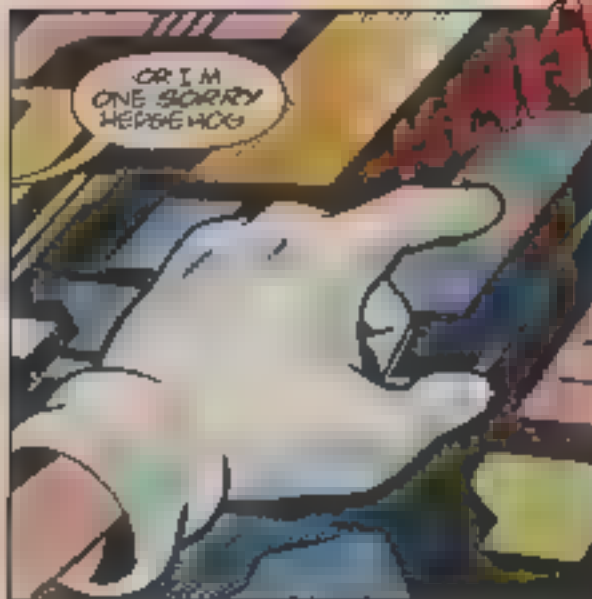
HOWEVER TO PUT
YOU AT EASE

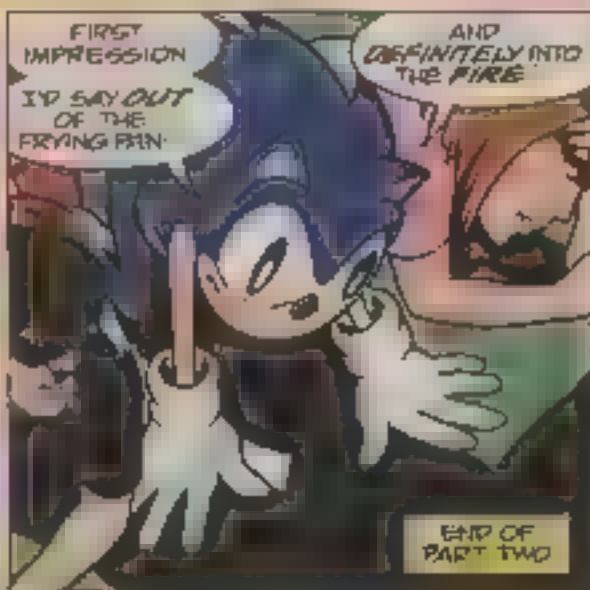












WELCOME

THE HEDGEHOG

AND YOUR FRIENDS AS WELL!

THE LAST
SAND CARTRIDGE
MERO

20 x 17

FOR ONCE
I HAVE YOU
EXACTLY WHERE
I WANT
YOU!

THIS IS
SO WEIRD

NOW YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU STEPPED
OUT OF A SPEED
RIDER CARTOON!

I WOULDN'T
TALK IF I WERE
YOU!

IT'S ALWAYS NICE
TO BE WANTED,
ROBO-BUTT.

BUT IN YOUR
CASE I'LL MAKE AN
EXCEPTION!

I THOUGHT
THAT WOULD
BE YOUR
ATTITUDE-

SO I BOOGEY
REINFORCEMENTS



DON'T TRY ANYTHING STUPID NEDBEHOG

YOUR FRIENDS WON'T BE LONG FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER WORLD IF YOU DO!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, SON'S



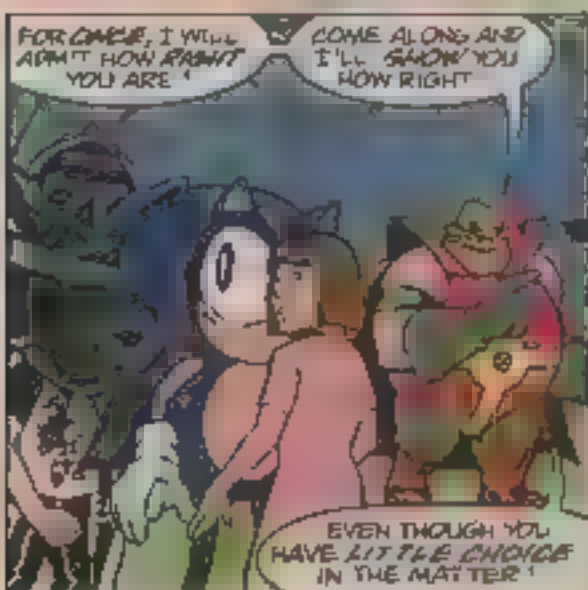
COOL STEVE

IT'S HIS PLAY, FOR THE MOMENT



SO WHAT'S THE DEAL SCHLEMIEL?

EVEN YOU COULDN'T HAVE COME UP WITH THIS SET UP BY YOURSELF!



FOR GHEE, I WILL ADMIT HOW RIGHT YOU ARE!

COME ALONG AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW RIGHT

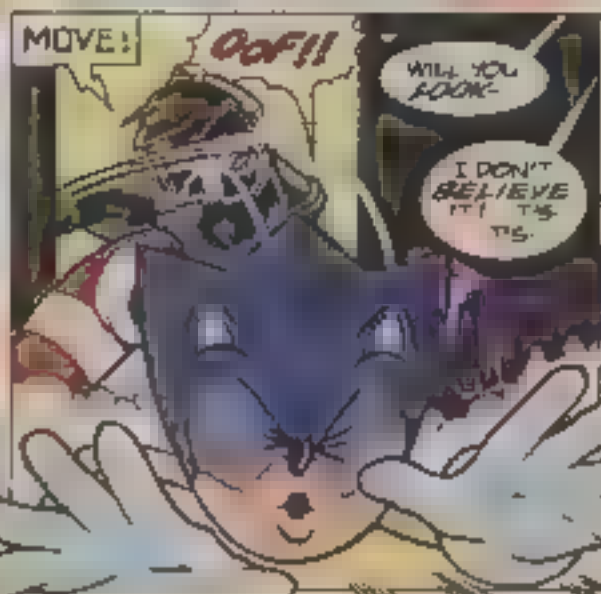
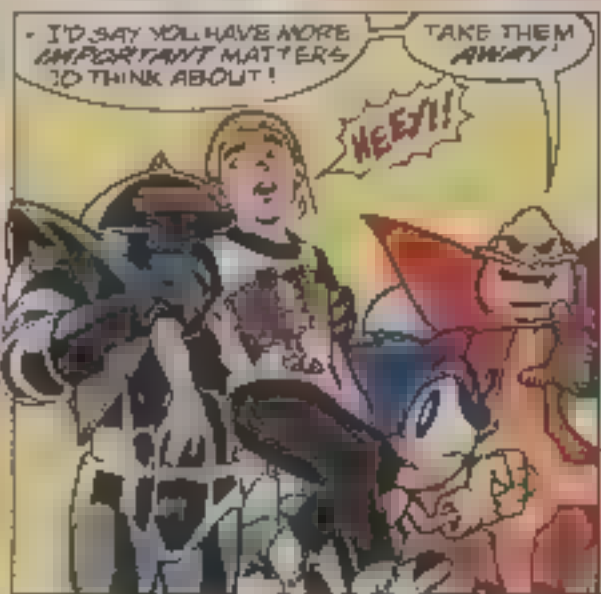
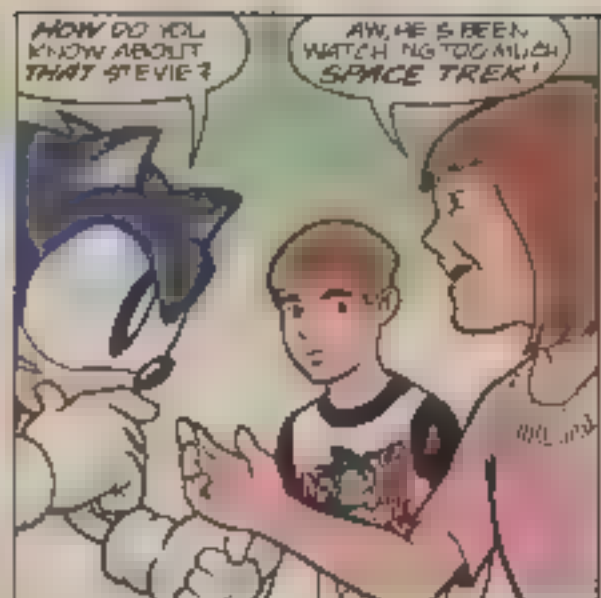
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE LITTLE CHOICE IN THE MATTER!

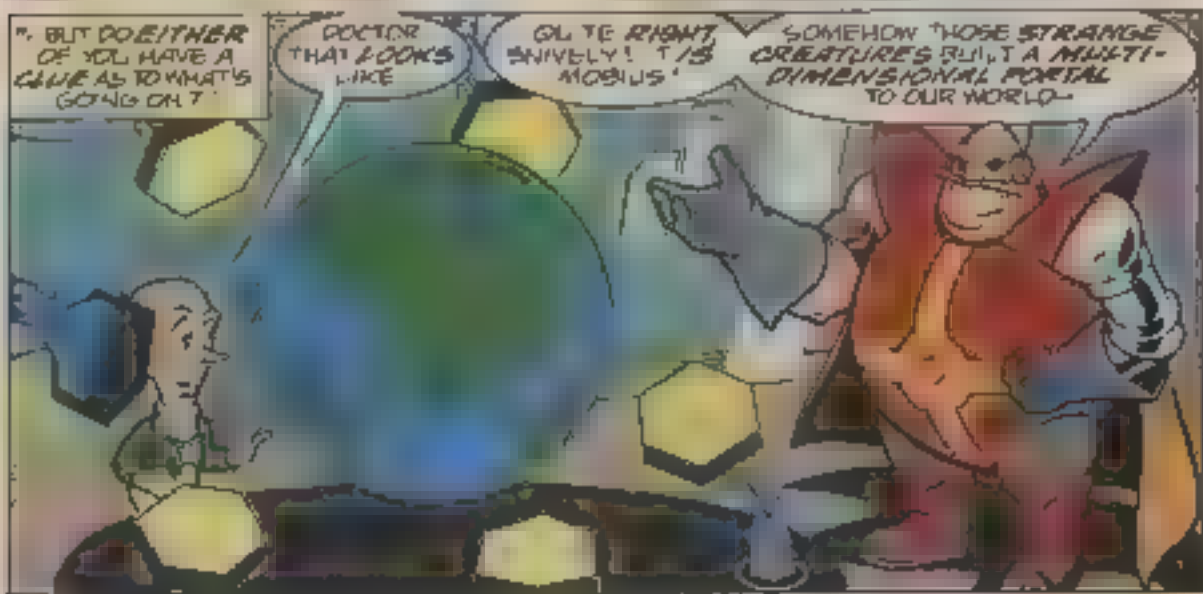
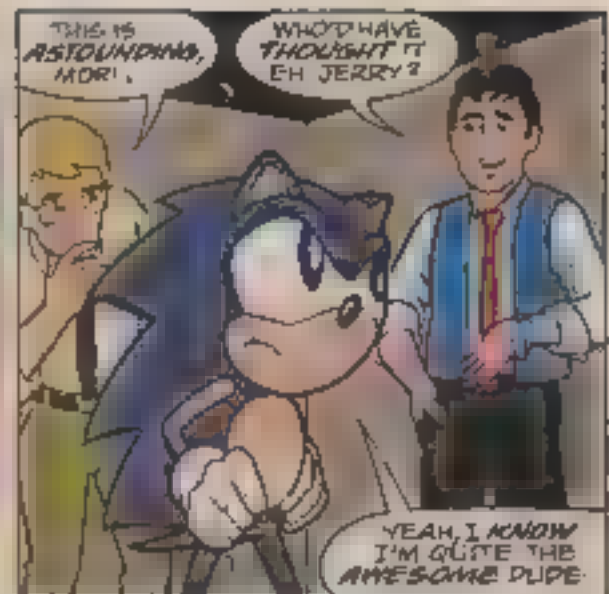


THIS IS MUCH BIGGER THAN JUST I YOU BLUE FURRED CRETIN

IN FACT





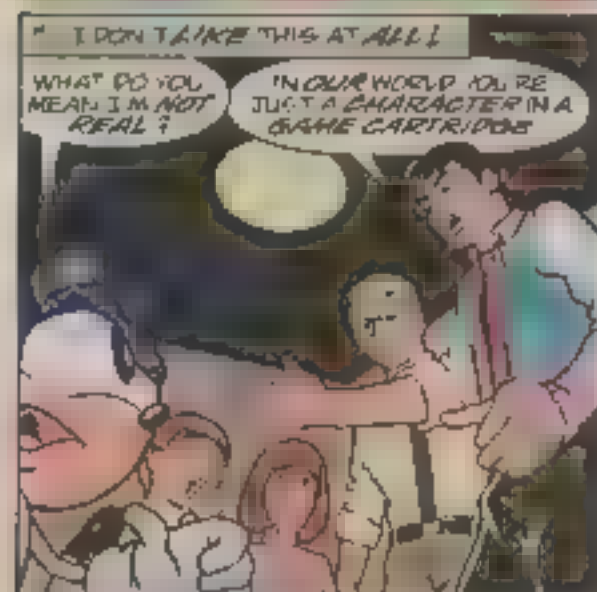




YOU'RE NOT THE ONE CALLING THE SHOTS HERE

LOOKS LIKE THE NATIVES ARE RESTLESS. GRIVELY

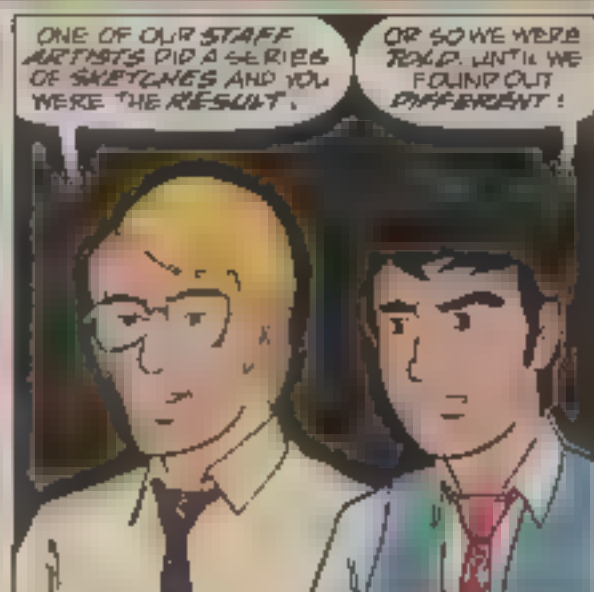
I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS, DOCTOR.



I DON'T TAKE THIS AT ALL

WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M NOT REAL?

IN OUR WORLD YOU'RE JUST A CHARACTER IN A GAME CARTRIDGE



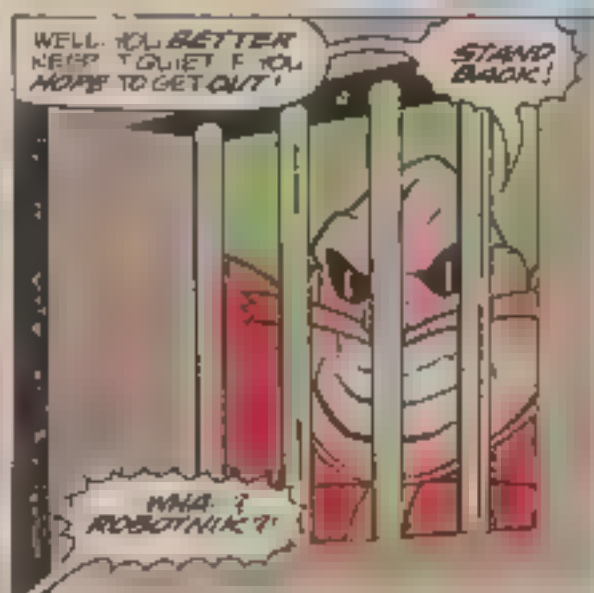
ONE OF OUR STAFF ARTISTS DID A SERIES OF SKETCHES AND YOU WERE THE RESULT.

OR SO WE WERE TOLD. UNTIL WE FOUND OUT DIFFERENT!



APPARENTLY THE SKETCHES WE'RE BASED ON TRANS MESSAGES RECEIVED OVER A PROTOTYPE DEVICE!

NOBODY HAD SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT SO WE KEPT IT QUIET!



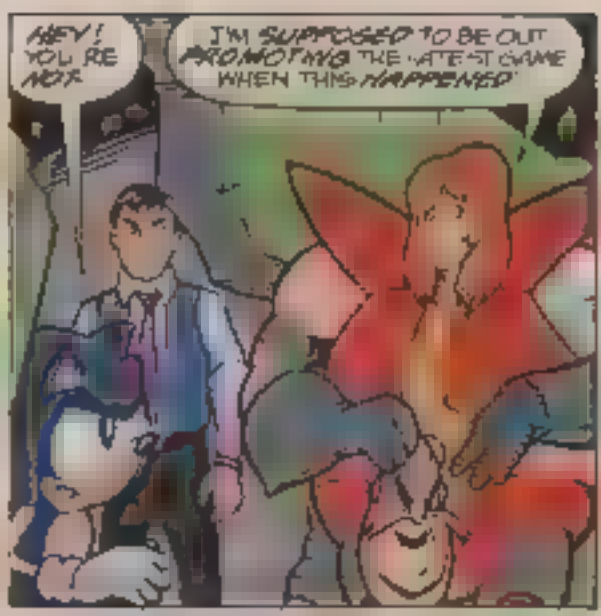
WELL, YOU BETTER KEEP T'QUIET IF YOU HOPE TO GET OUT!

STAND BACK!

WHA? ROBOTNIK?



KABOOM!



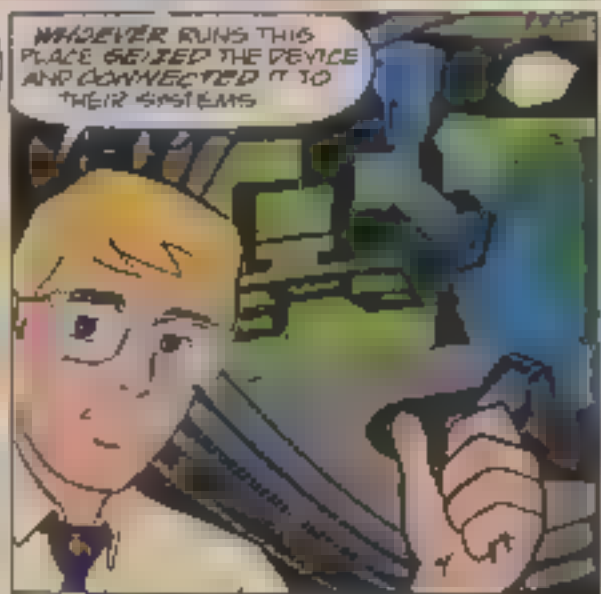
HEY! YOU'RE NOT

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE OUT PROMOTING THE 'LATEST GAME WHEN THIS HAPPENED'

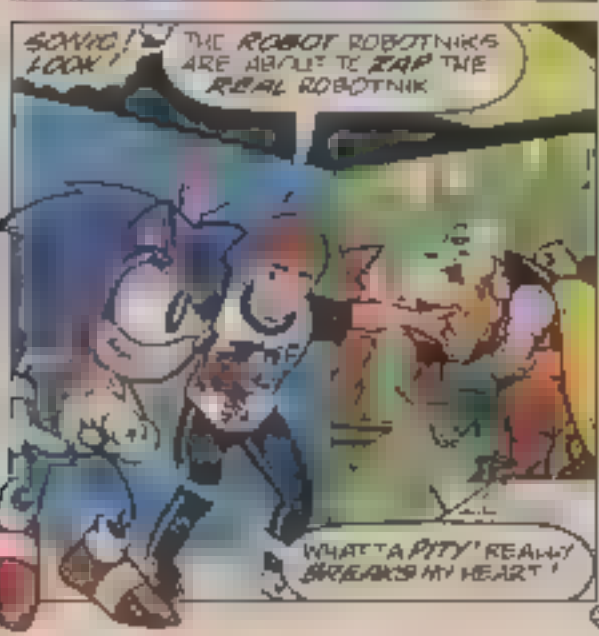


WHEN WHAT HAPPENED?

A FREAK ELECTRICAL STORM DOWN HERE CREATED A LINK BETWEEN DISFRON'S THROUGH OUR PROTOTYPE



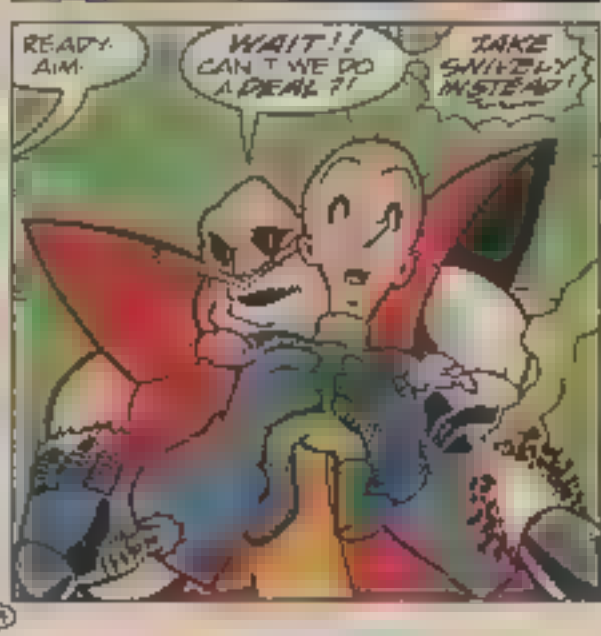
WHOEVER RUNS THIS PLACE SEIZED THE DEVICE AND CONNECTED IT TO THEIR SYSTEMS



SONIC! LOOK!

THE ROBOT ROBOTNIK'S ARE ABOUT TO ZAP THE REAL ROBOTNIK

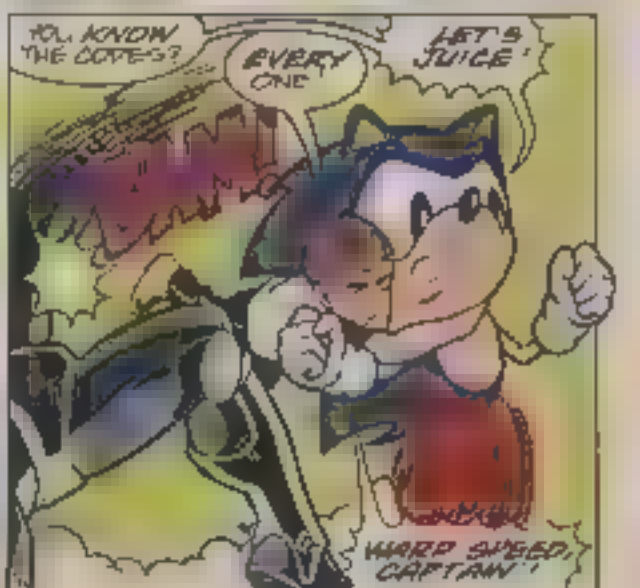
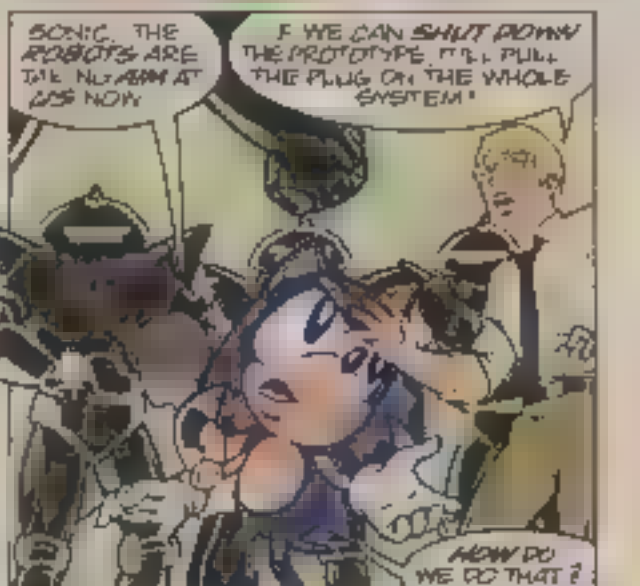
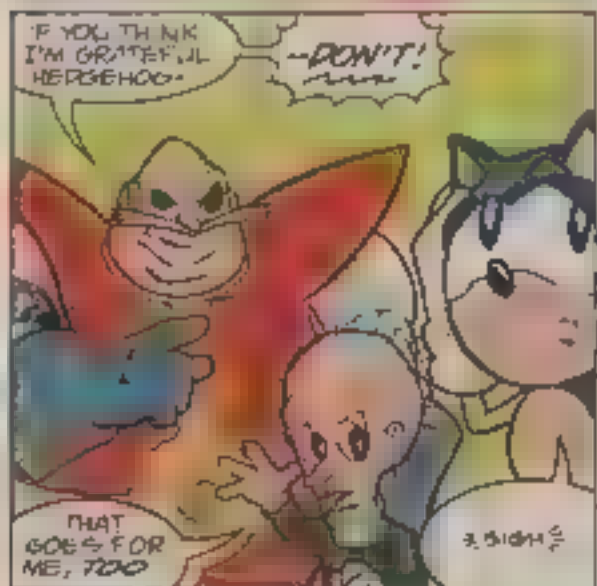
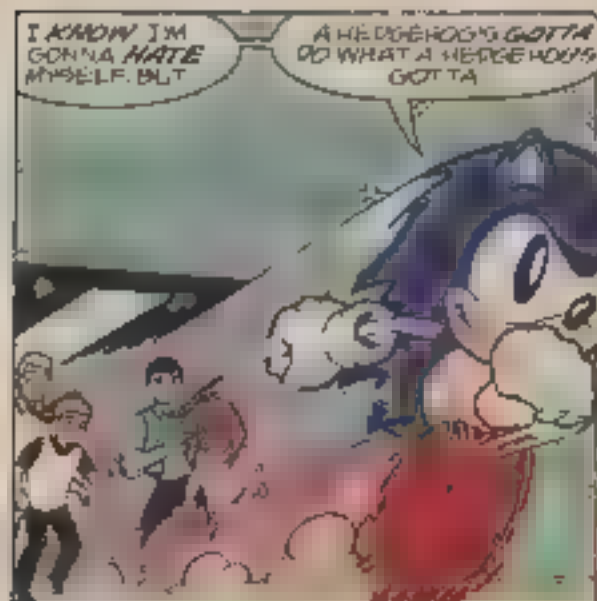
WHAT A PITY! REALLY BREAKS MY HEART!

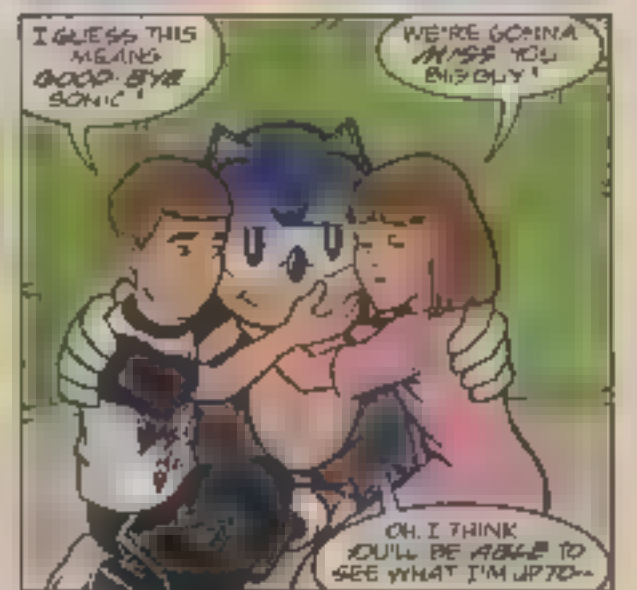
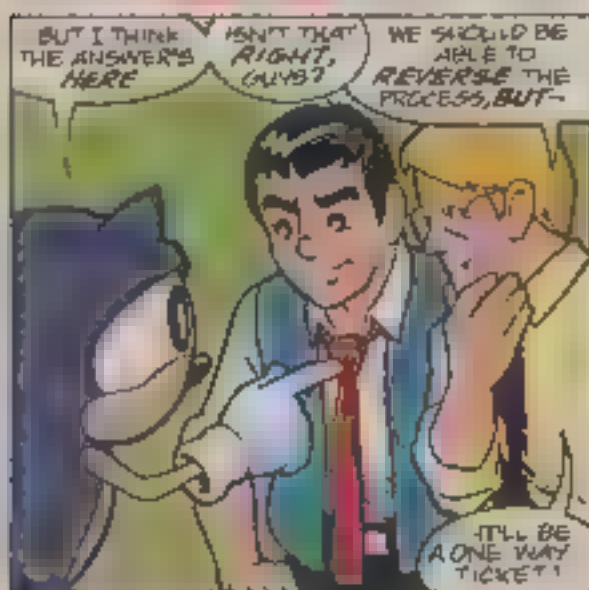
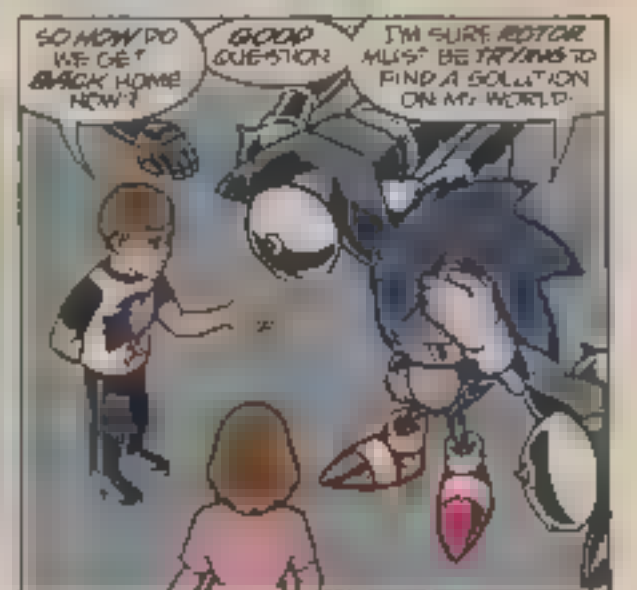


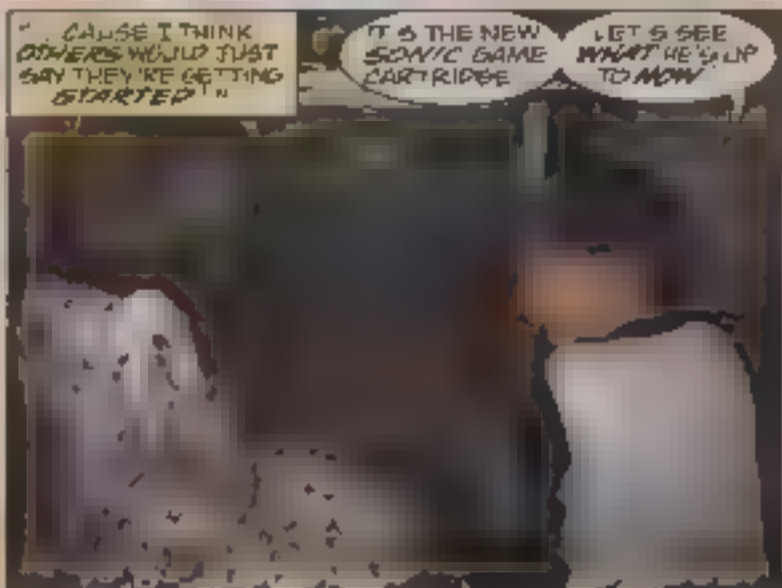
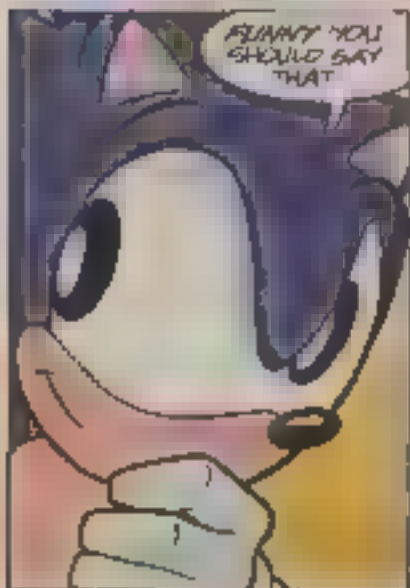
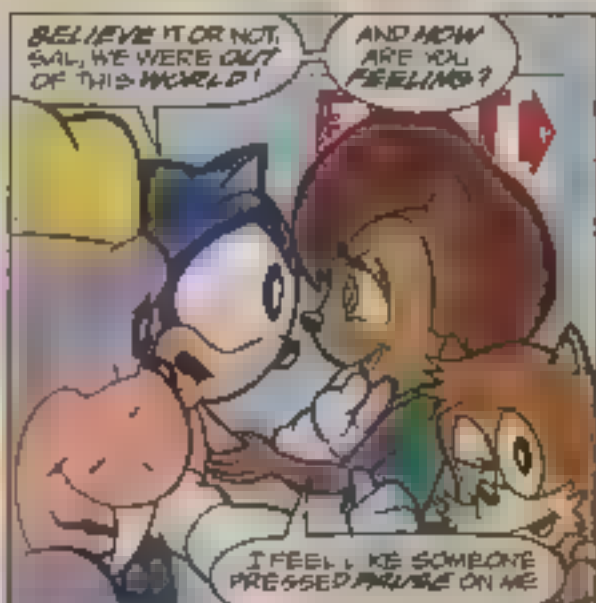
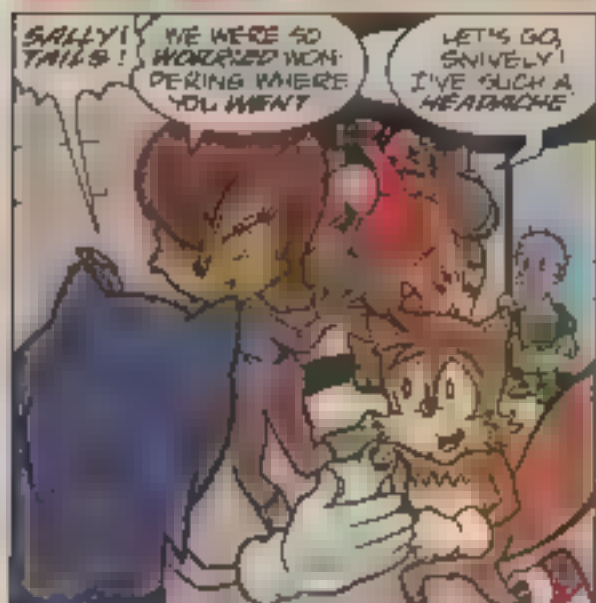
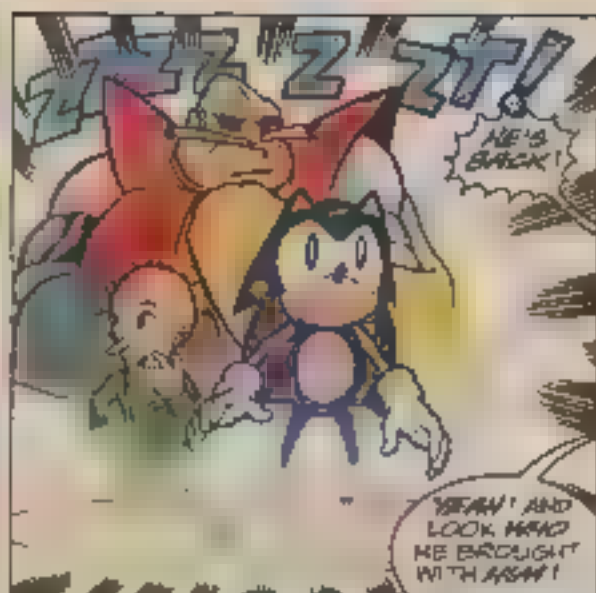
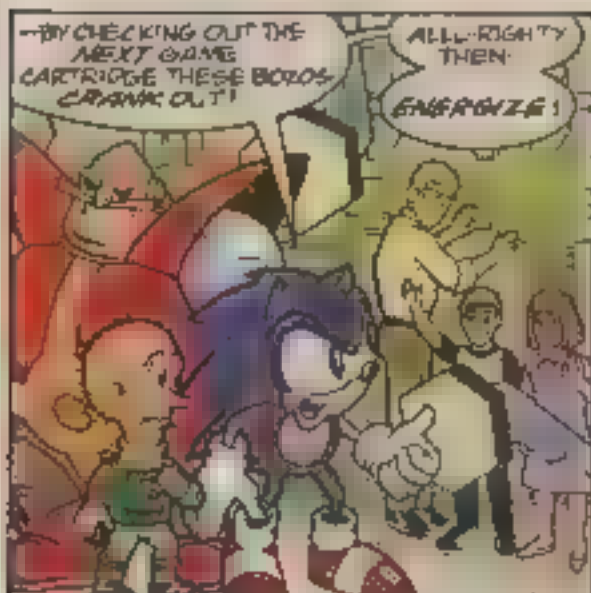
READY. AIM.

WAIT!! CAN'T WE DO A DEAL?!

TAKE SWIFLY INSTEAD!







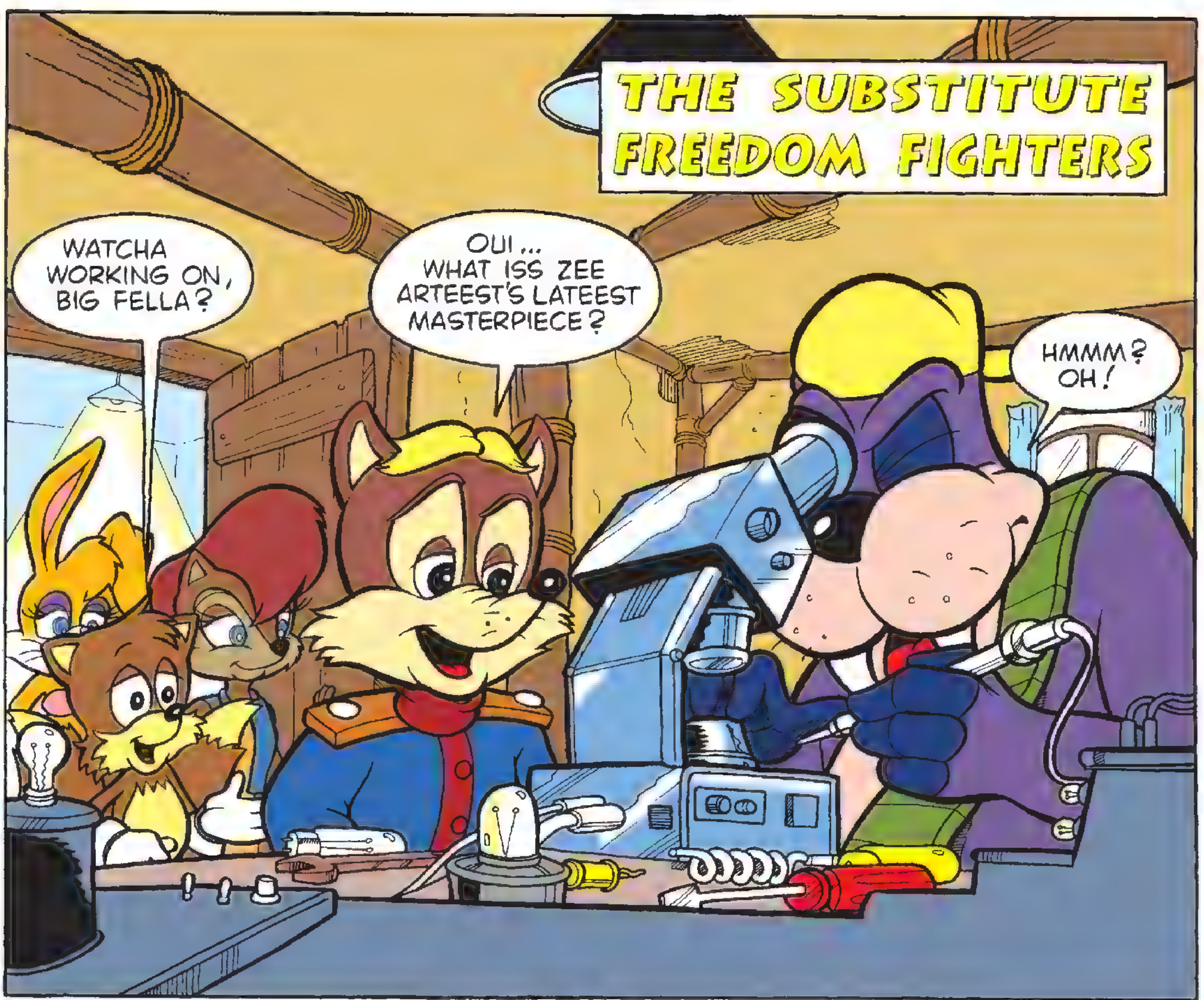
THE END

THE SUBSTITUTE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

WATCHA
WORKING ON,
BIG FELLA?

OUI...
WHAT ISS ZEE
ARTEEST'S LATEEST
MASTERPIECE?

HMMM?
OH!

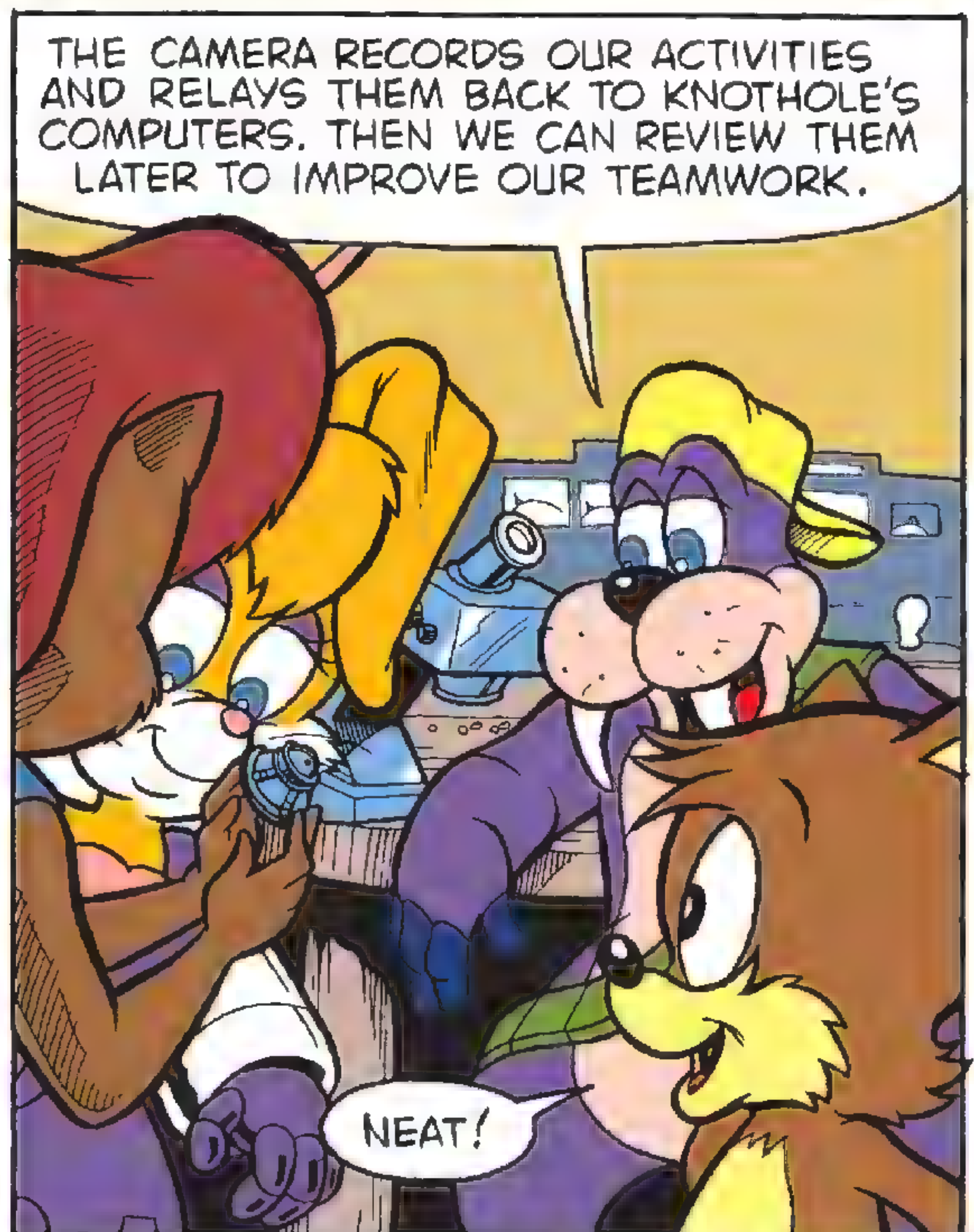


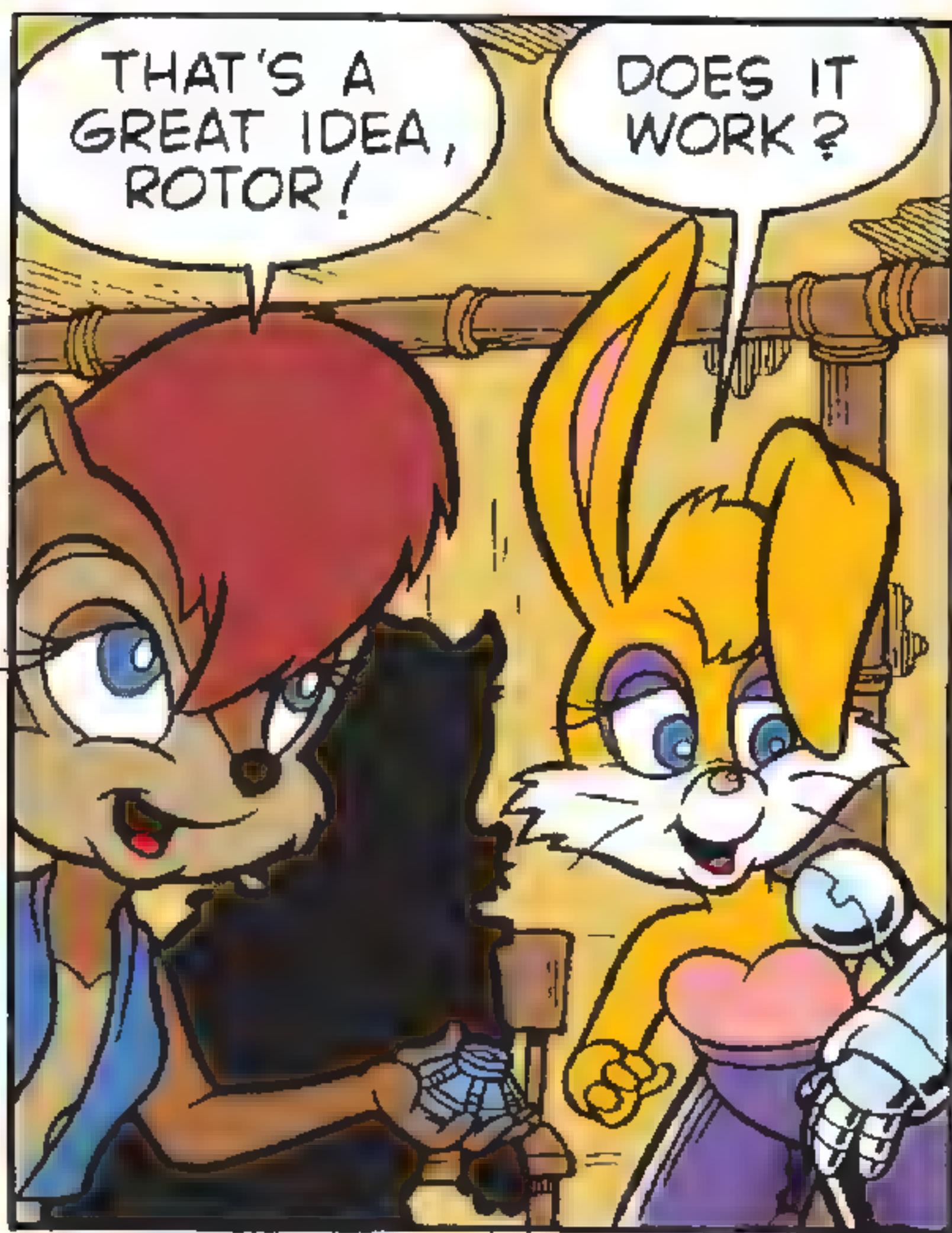
IT'S CALLED THE "MICRO BELT-CAM"!
IT'S A DEVICE THAT WILL ATTACH TO
MY BELT AND RECORD OUR
ACTIONS IN COMBAT.

THE CAMERA RECORDS OUR ACTIVITIES
AND RELAYS THEM BACK TO KNOTHOLE'S
COMPUTERS. THEN WE CAN REVIEW THEM
LATER TO IMPROVE OUR TEAMWORK.



NEAT!



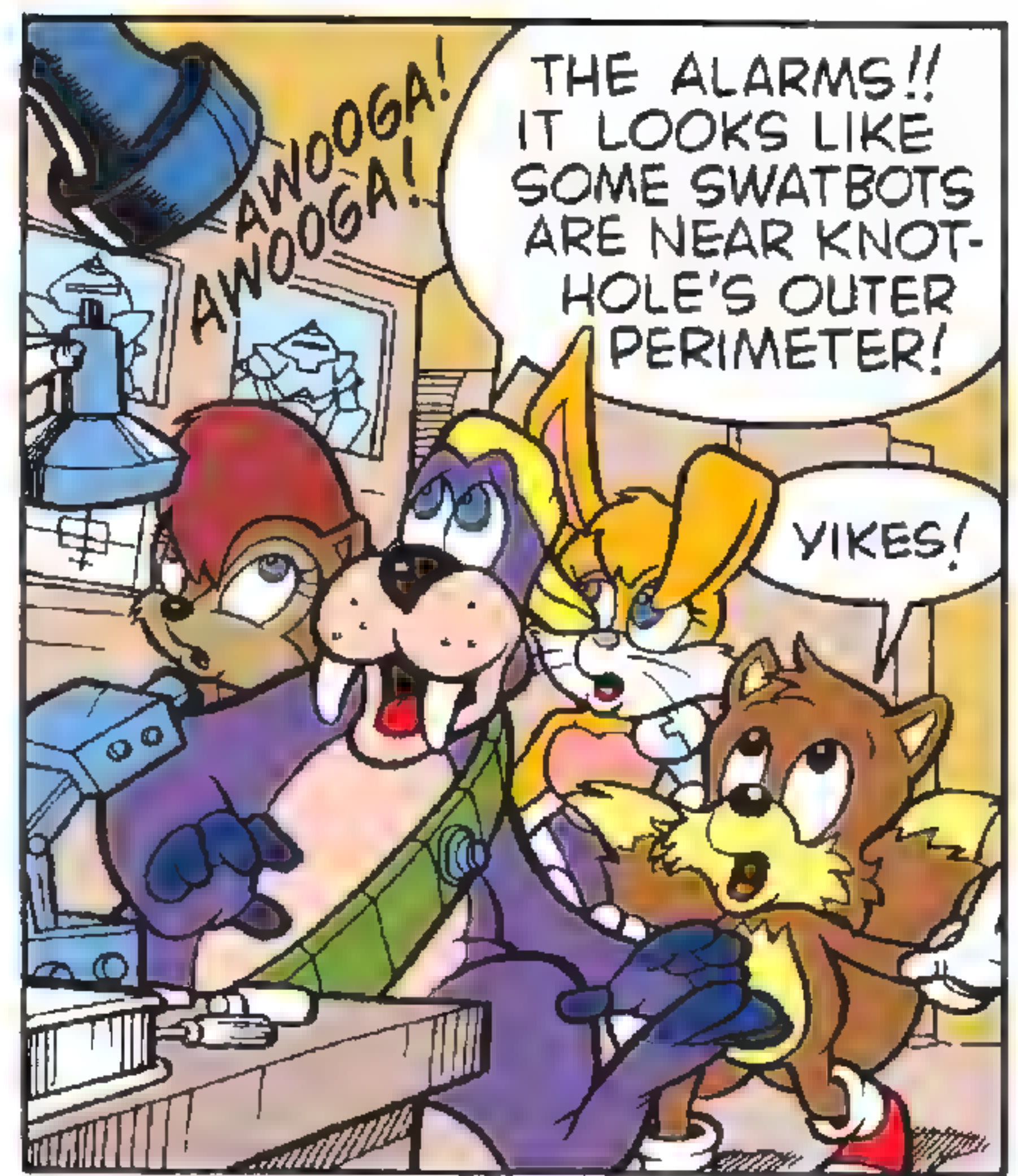


THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, ROTOR!

DOES IT WORK?



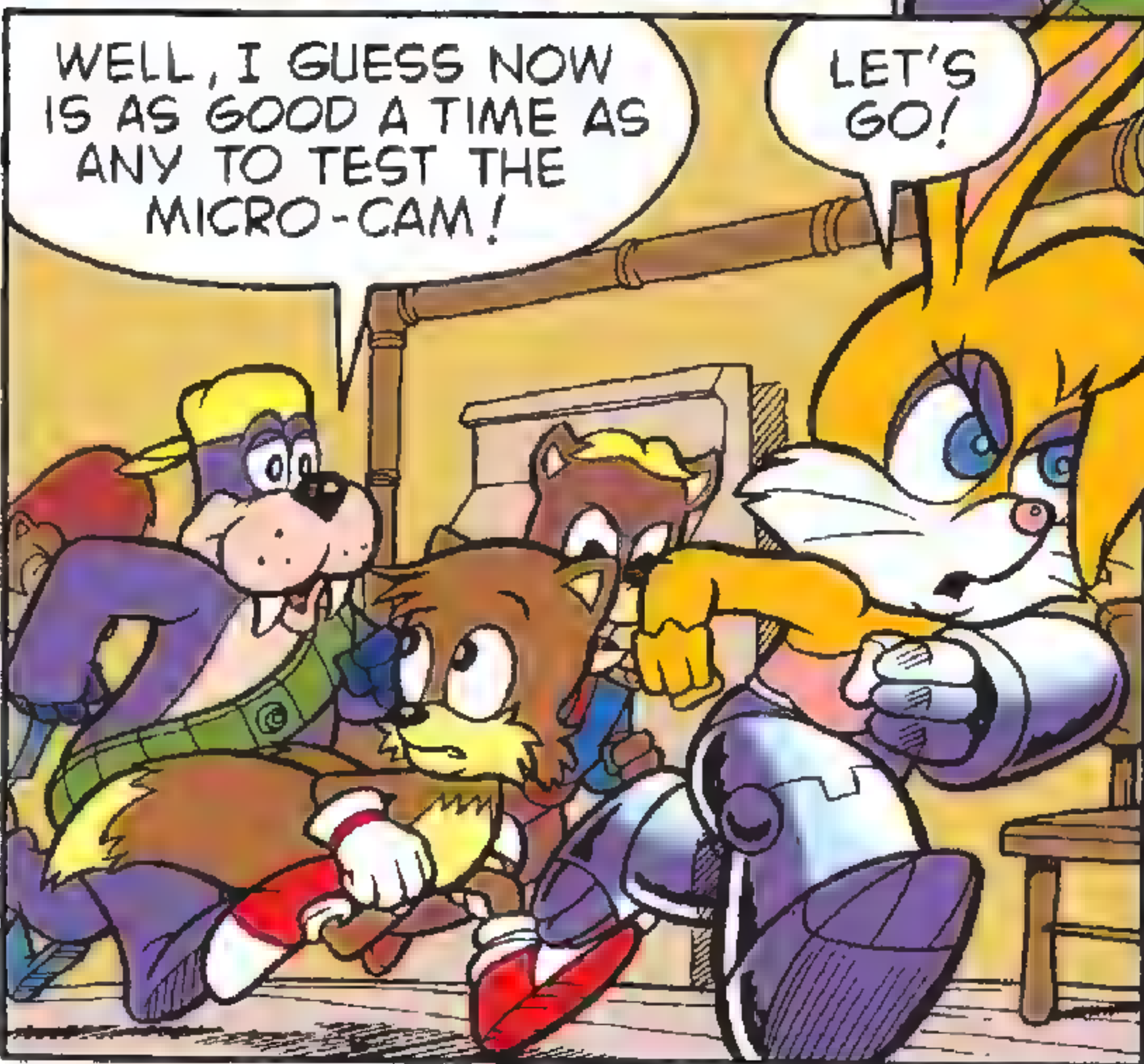
WELL, I HAVEN'T TESTED IT YET... BUT IT SHOULD.



AWOOGA!
AWOOGA!

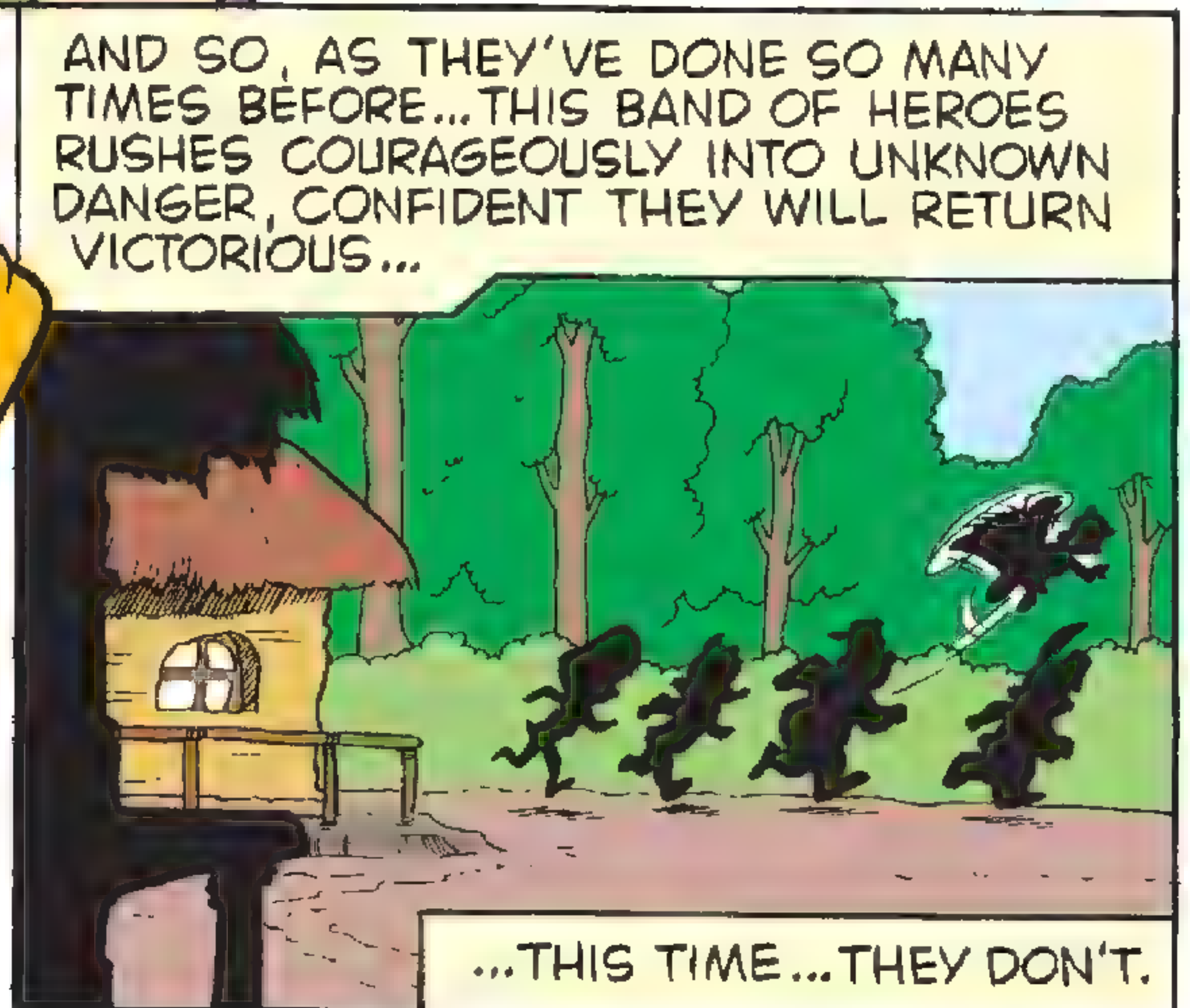
THE ALARMS!! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SWATBOTS ARE NEAR KNOT-HOLE'S OUTER PERIMETER!

VIKES!



WELL, I GUESS NOW IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TEST THE MICRO-CAM!

LET'S GO!



AND SO, AS THEY'VE DONE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE... THIS BAND OF HEROES RUSHES COURAGEOUSLY INTO UNKNOWN DANGER, CONFIDENT THEY WILL RETURN VICTORIOUS...

...THIS TIME... THEY DON'T.



SOME TIME LATER...

HELLO! ANYONE HOME? IT'S ME-- LARRY LYNX.



HUH... I GUESS NO ONE'S HOME... OH WELL, I'LL STOP BACK SOME OTHER... HUH?!

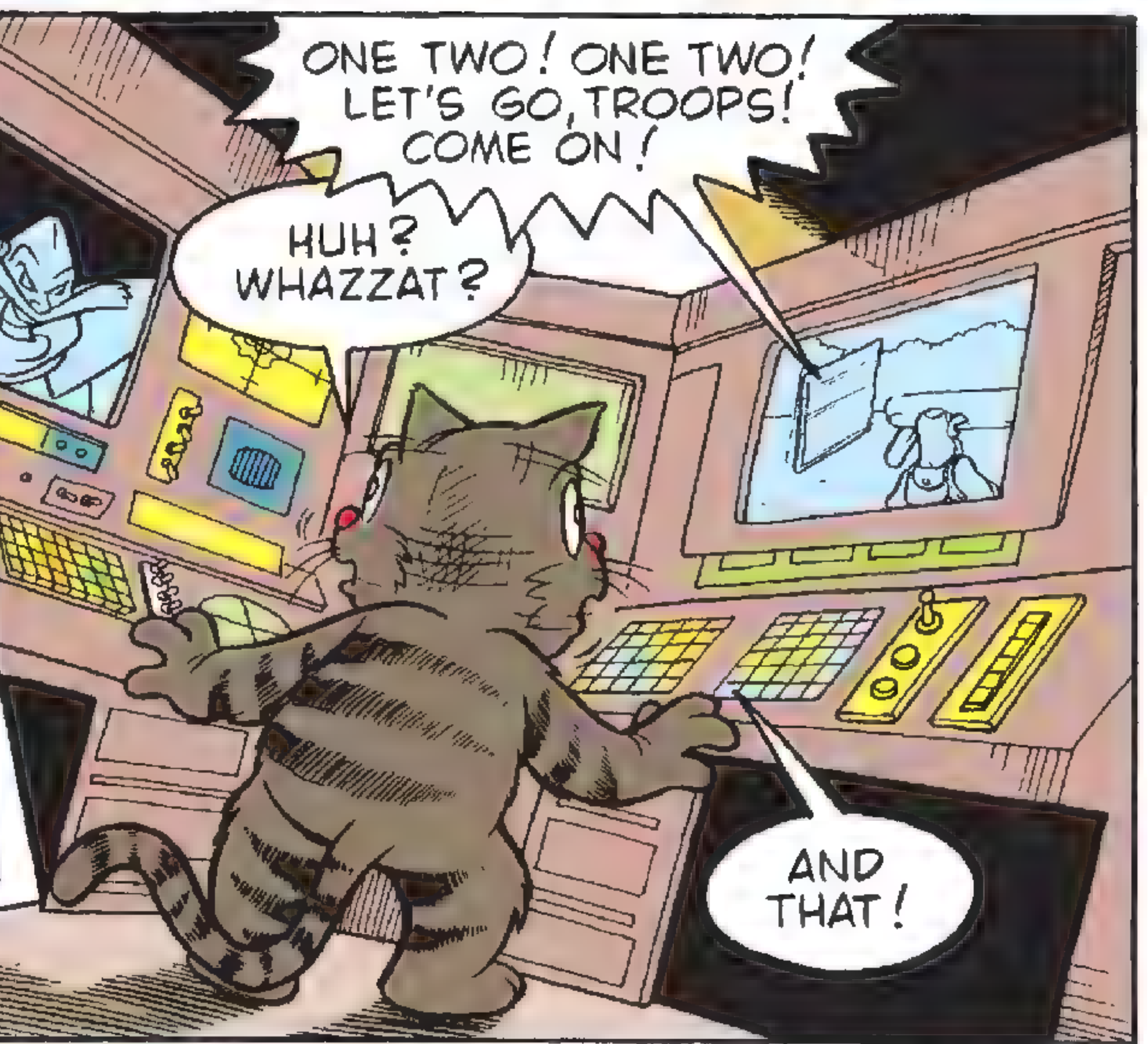


-- RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONE FOR YOUR FRIENDS!

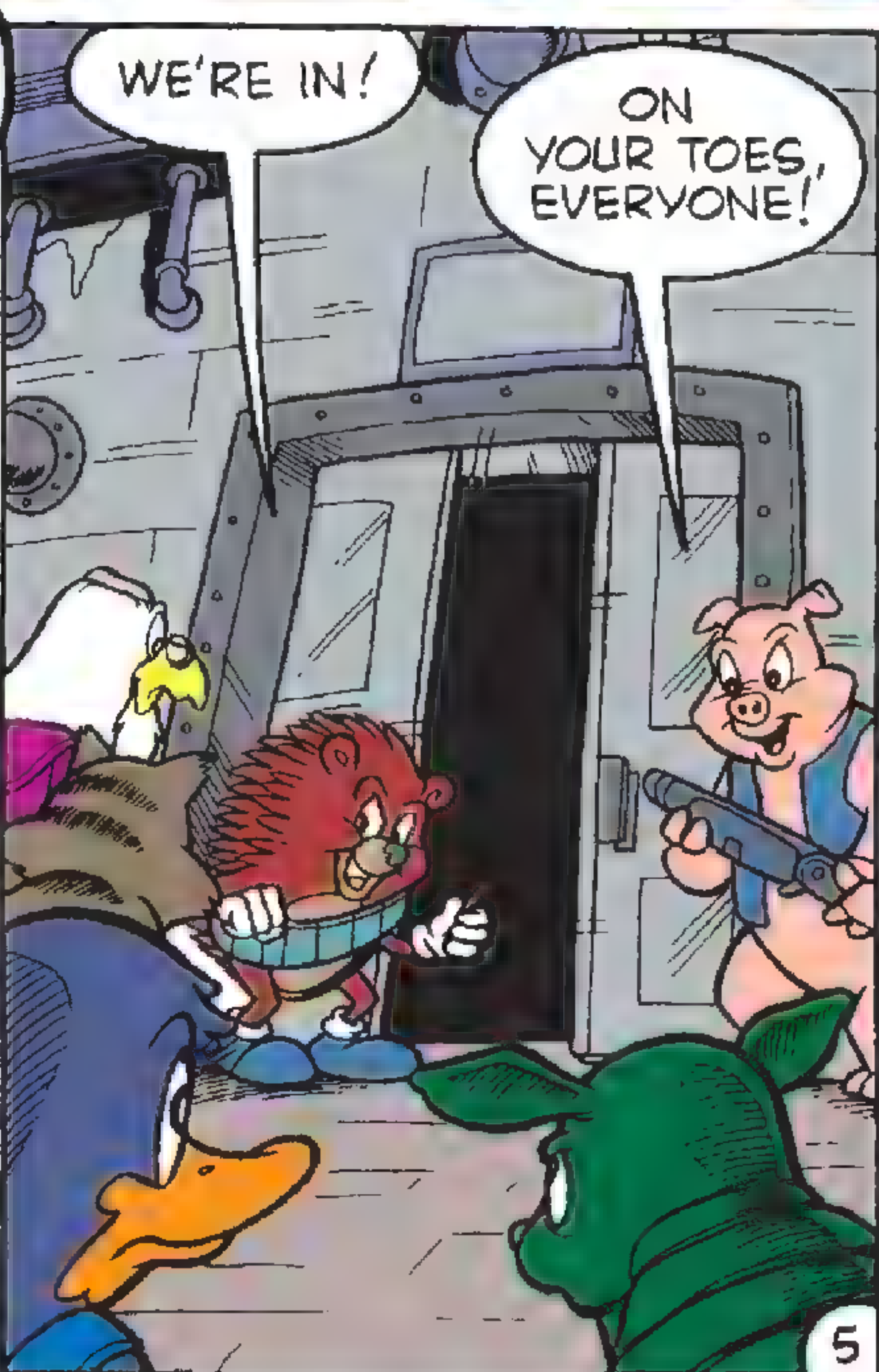
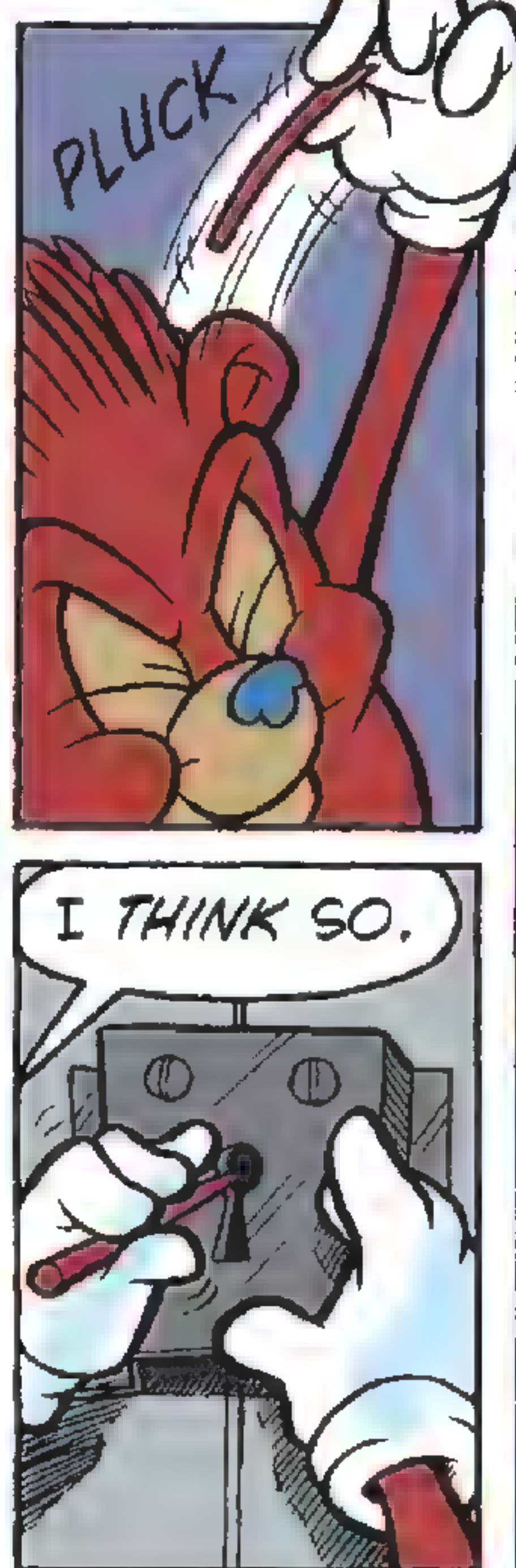
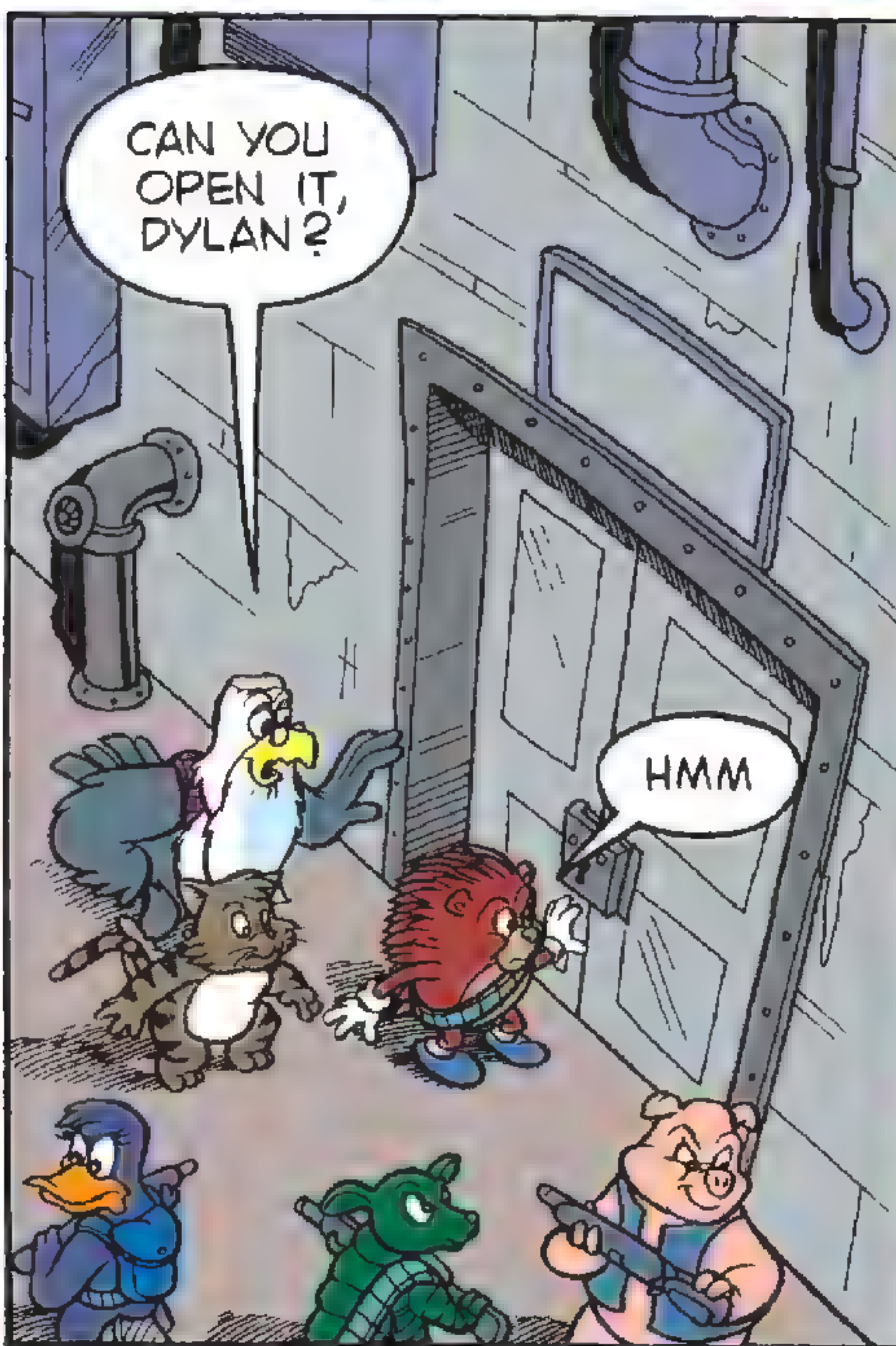
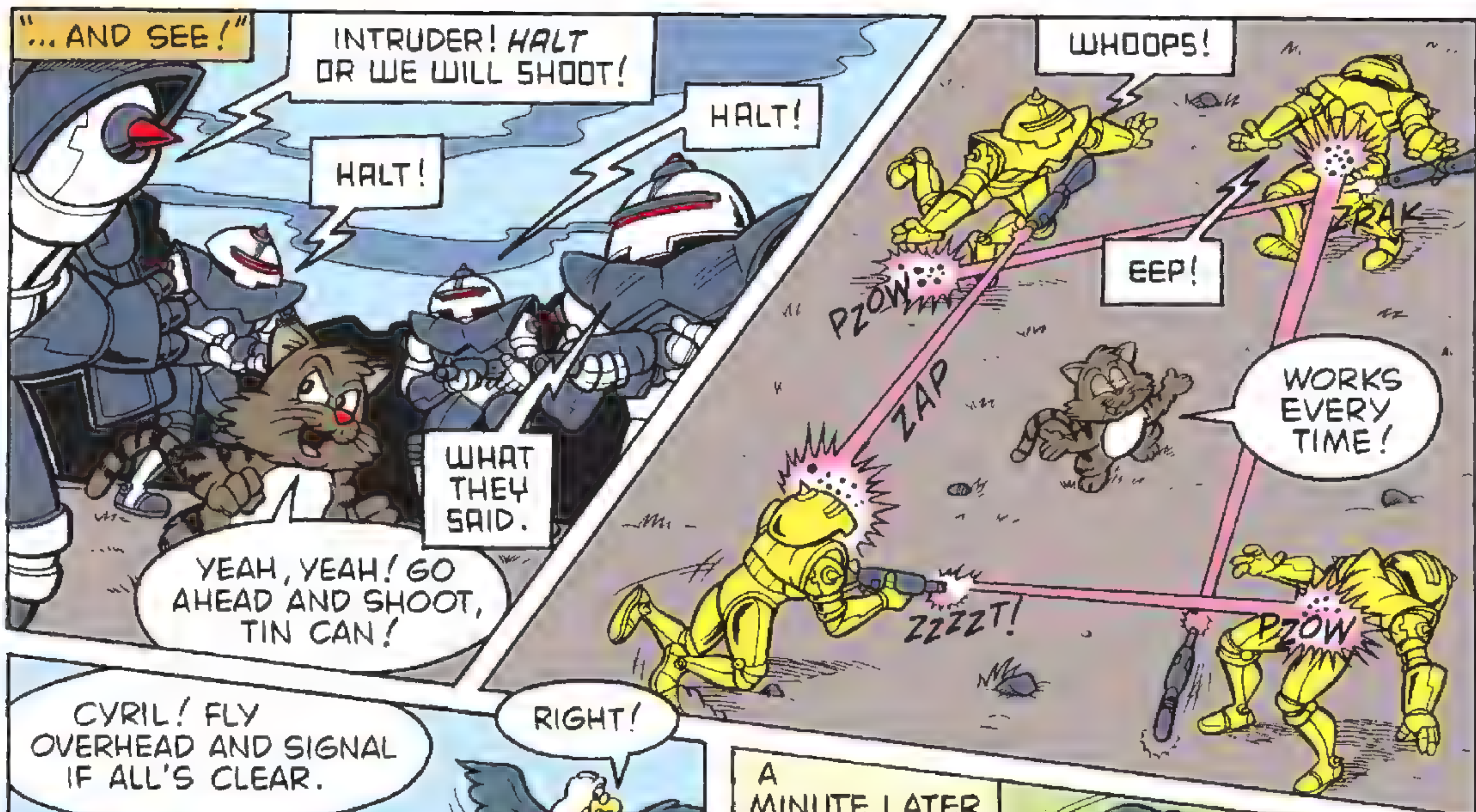
AND NOW THAT I HAVE YOU, I WILL FINALLY BE RID OF YOU ALL...

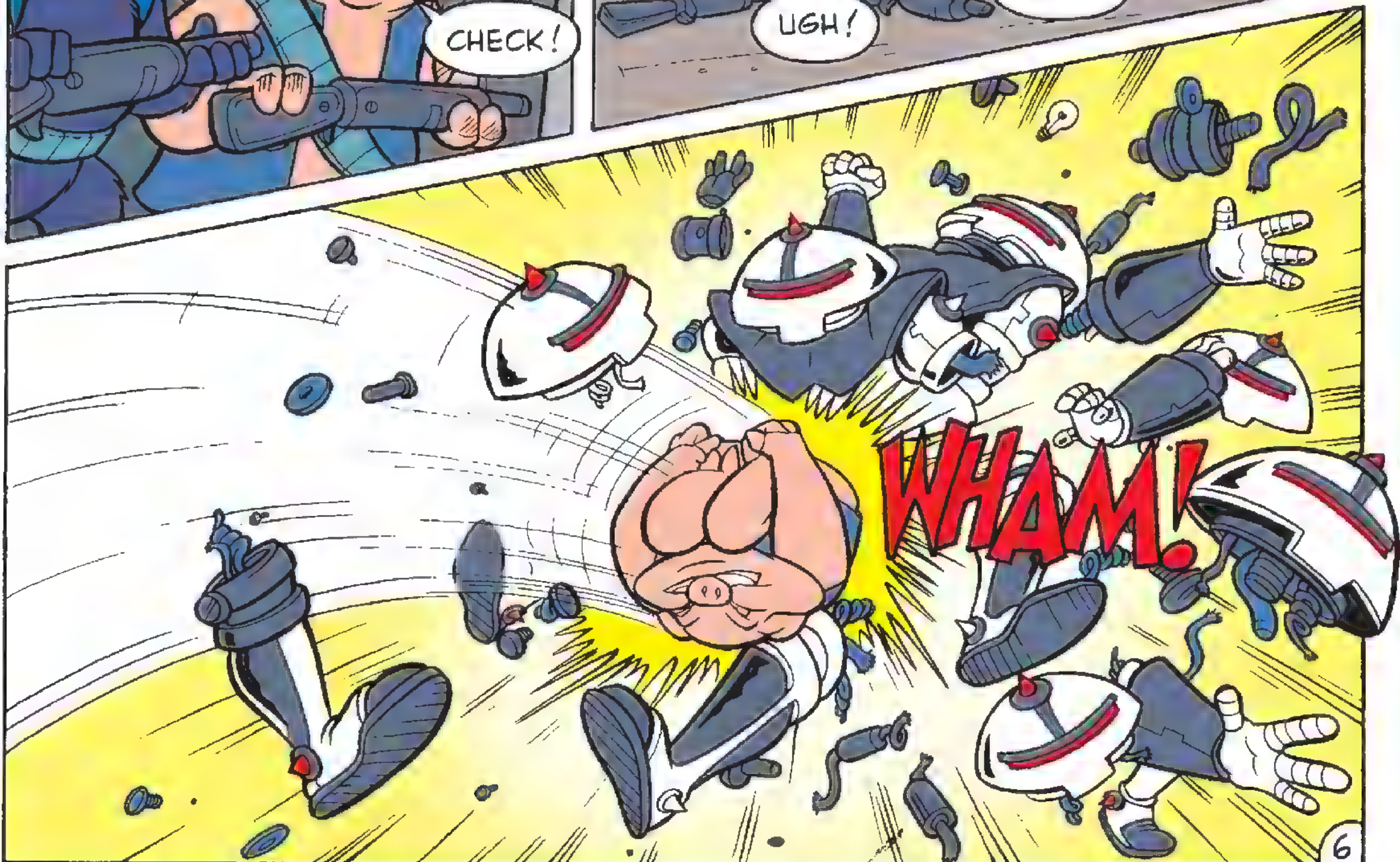
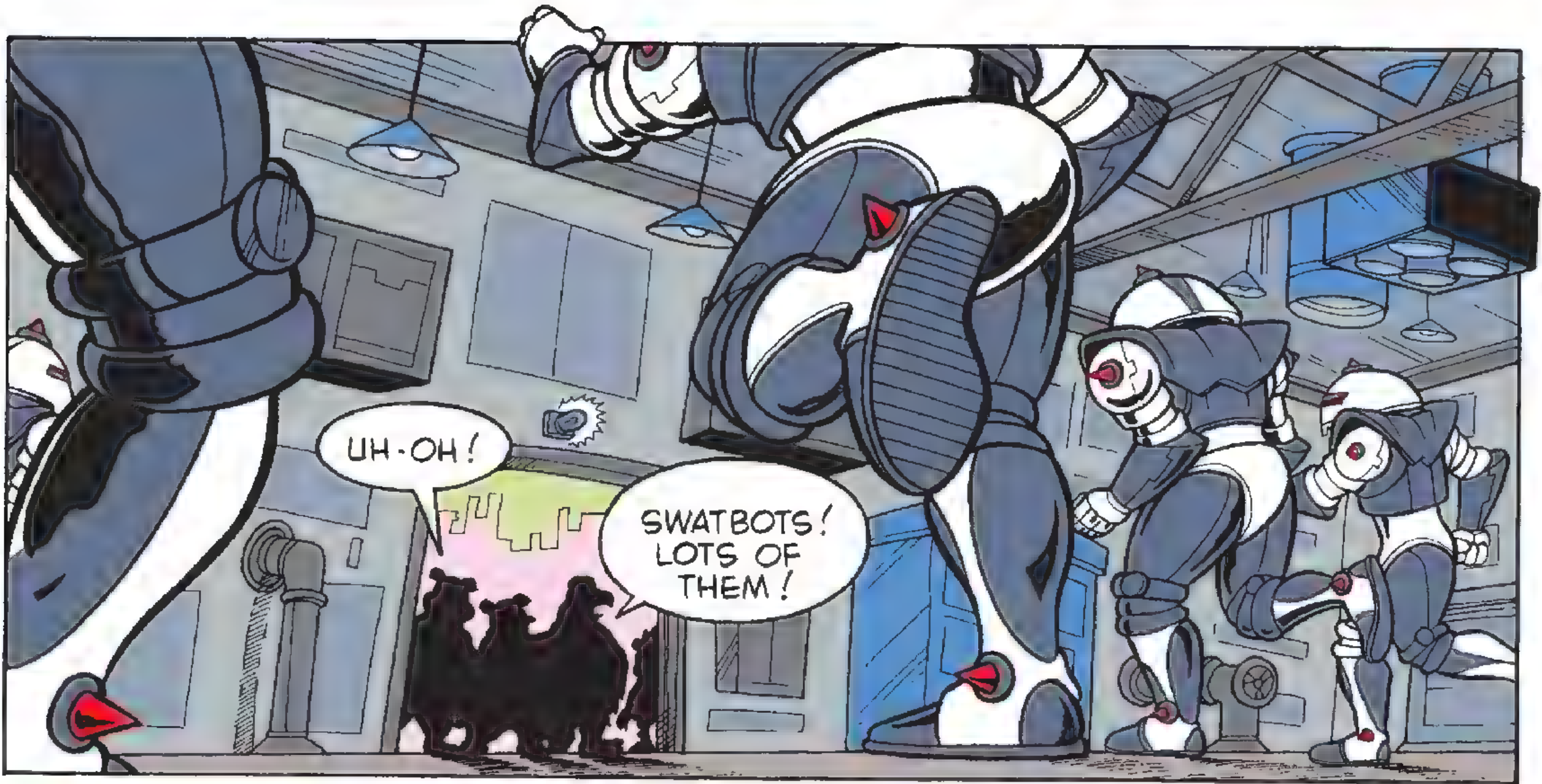
WHAT'S THIS ON THE MONITOR?!

REMEMBER LARRY FROM SONIC #12?









A FEW MINUTES LATER

HEY, LOOK!
IT'S SONIC!

THAT
TEARS IT!
NOW I INTEND
TO GET REALLY
MEAN!

STOP IN
YOUR TRACKS,
YOU INSIPID
HEDGEHOG--

AND THAT
ROBOTNIK!

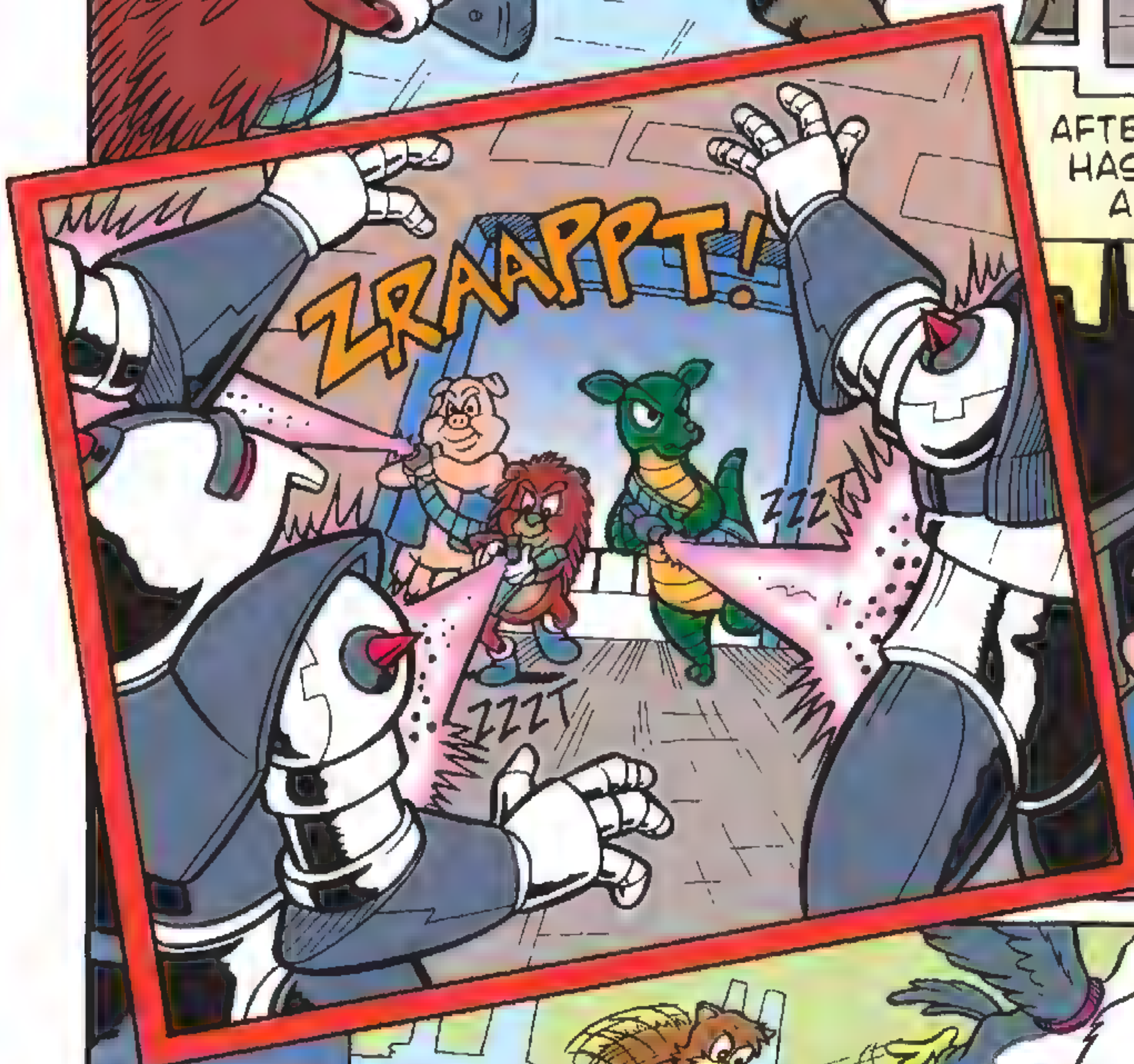
HE'LL HAVE TO
TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF
FOR NOW! THE OTHERS
ARE RIGHT UP AHEAD!
LET'S GO!

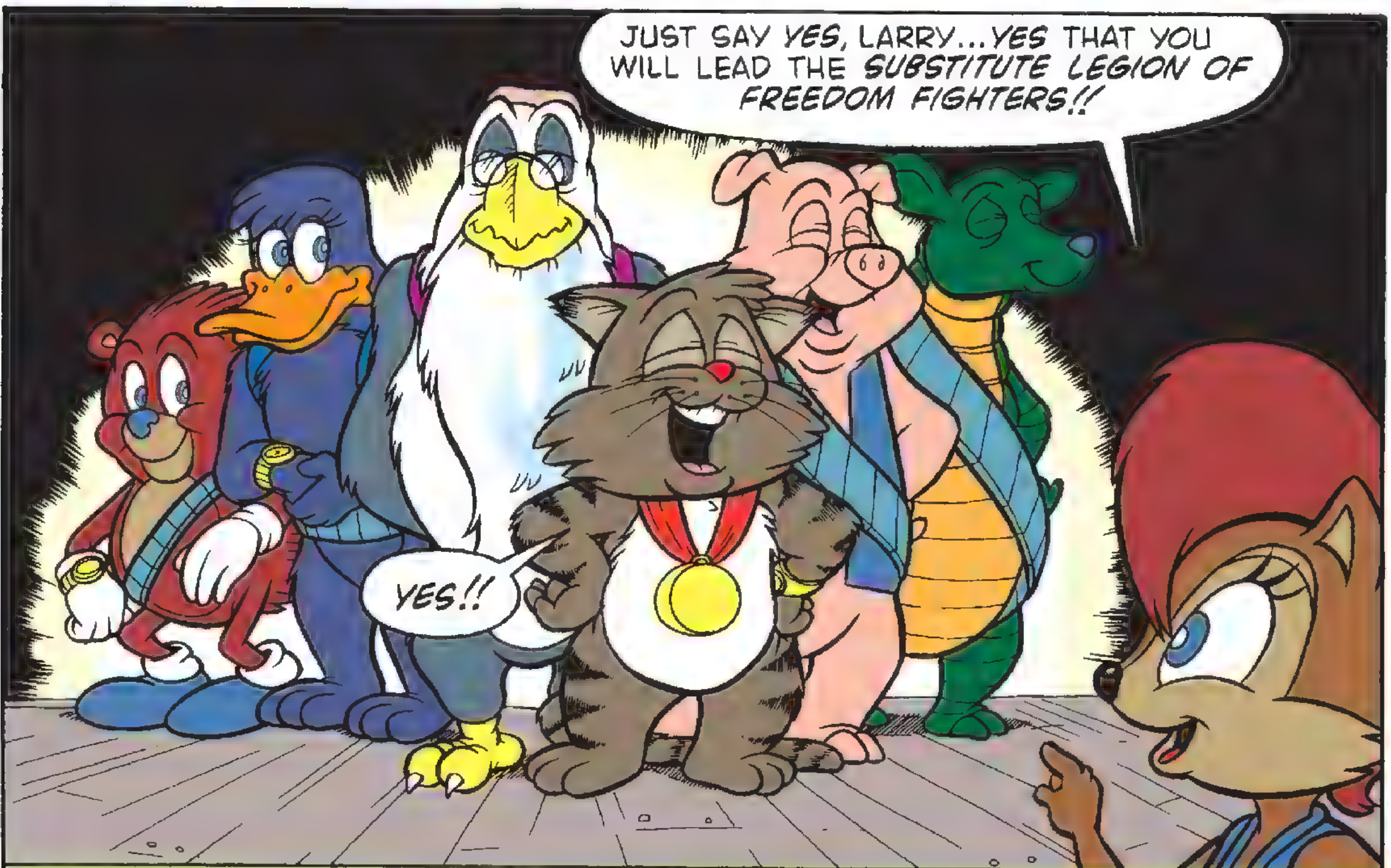
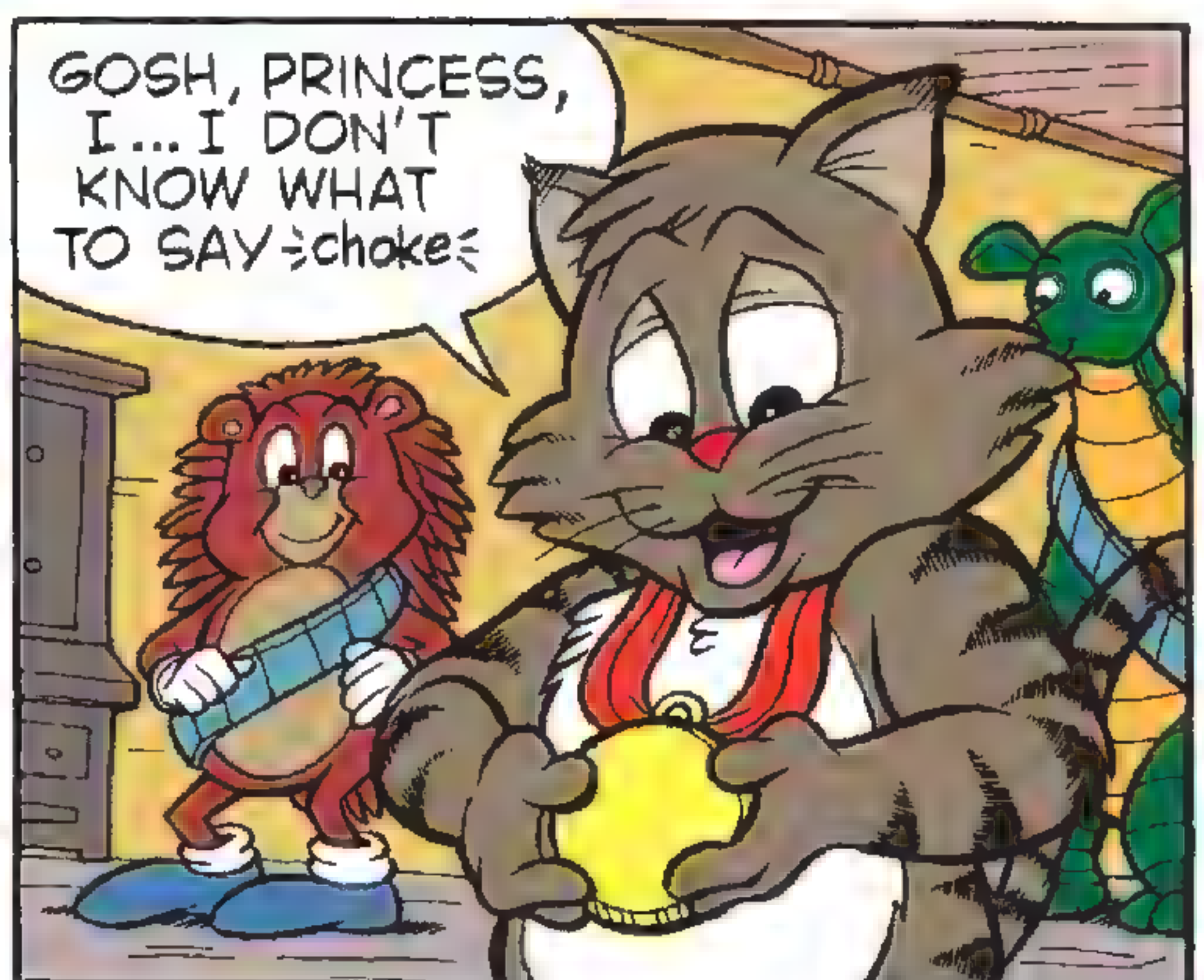
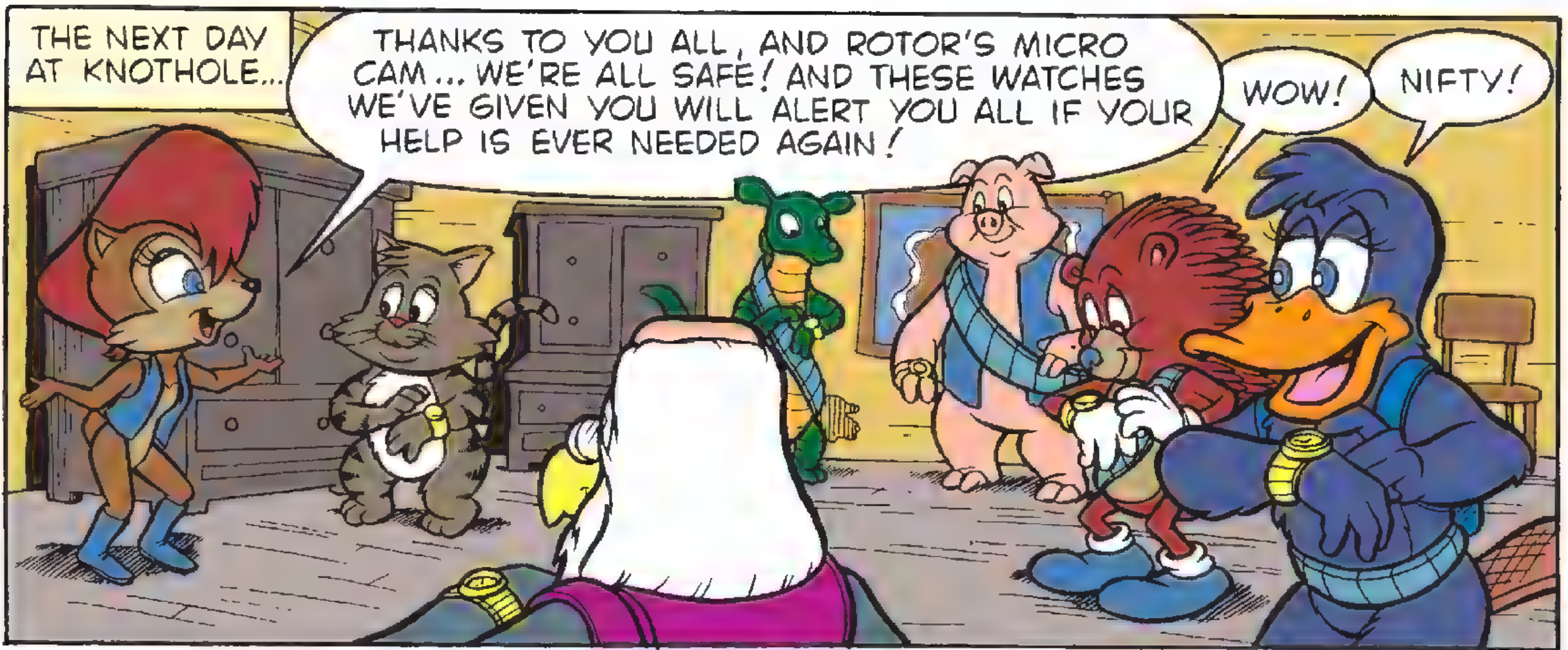
AFTER THE BATTLE
HAS BEEN WAGED
AND WON ...

HUH?!
L--LARRY?
DYLAN?

NO TIME TO
EXPLAIN NOW,
PRINCESS--

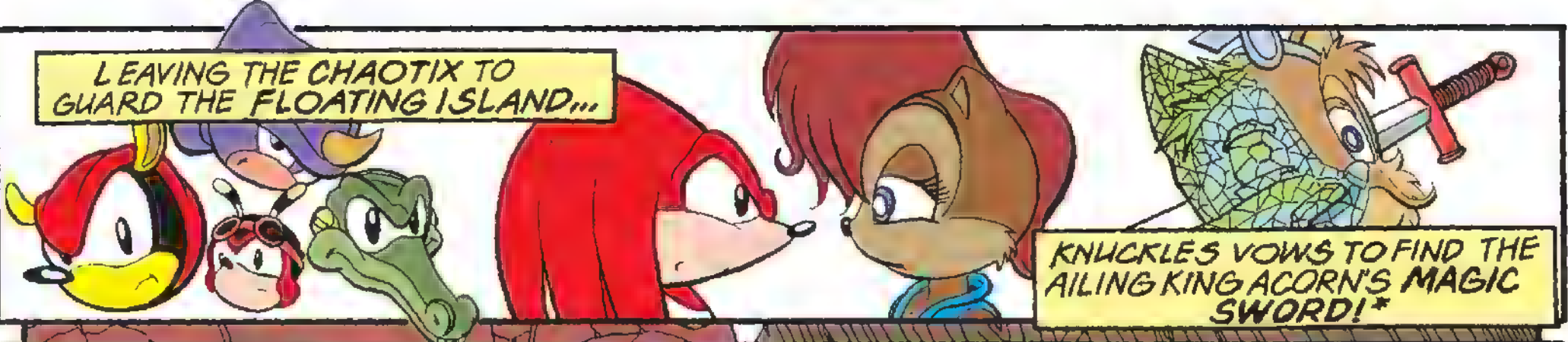
-- LET'S FIND
SONIC AND MOVE
IT OUT!





WILL WE SEE THE LEGION AGAIN? TIME (AND YOU, THE FANS) WILL TELL! *The End*

LEAVING THE CHAOTIX TO GUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND...



KNUCKLES VOWS TO FIND THE AILING KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD!*

FOLLOWING A VAGUE LEAD FROM THE ANCIENT WALKERS* AND A NEW CLUE FROM HIS ANCESTOR'S BOOK OF MYTHS...

...THE ECHIDNA HAS JOURNEYED TO A REMOTE SECTION OF THE GREAT FOREST.

UNLIKE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE SMALL COTTAGE HE HAS DISCOVERED IS NOT HIDDEN...

...RATHER, IT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN, UNTOUCHED BY MOBIUS' REVOLUTION...

... THAT IS, UNTIL TODAY!

A DEVIL WATCHER! IT CAN'T BE -- THEY'RE JUST THE STUFF OF FAIRY TALES!

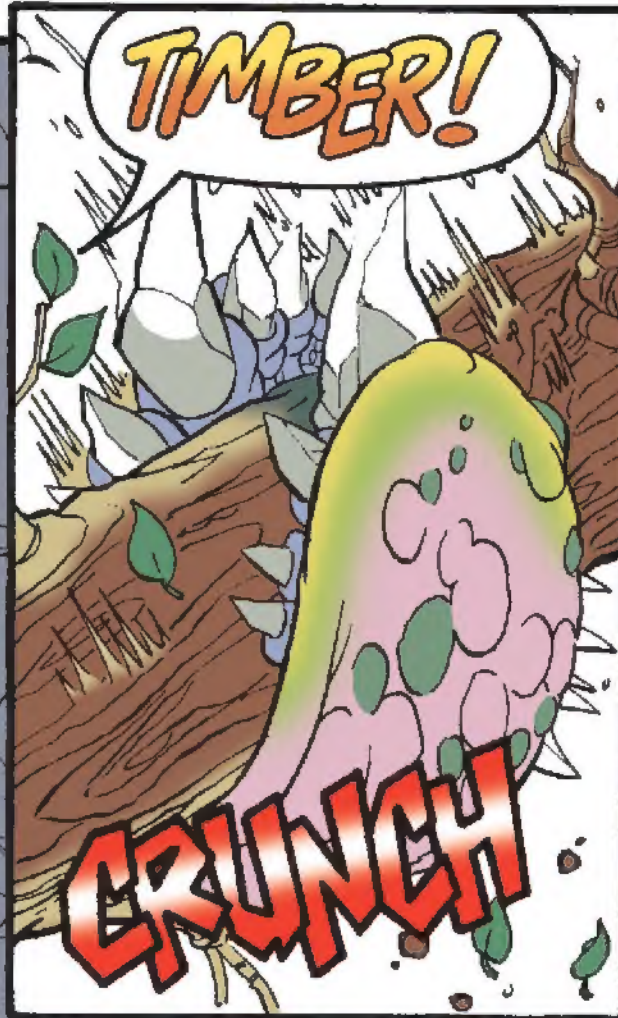
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*IT ALL BEGAN IN SONIC #42 -- Editor



REAL OR NOT, I DON'T PLAN ON BEING THIS GUY'S LUNCH!

KRAK



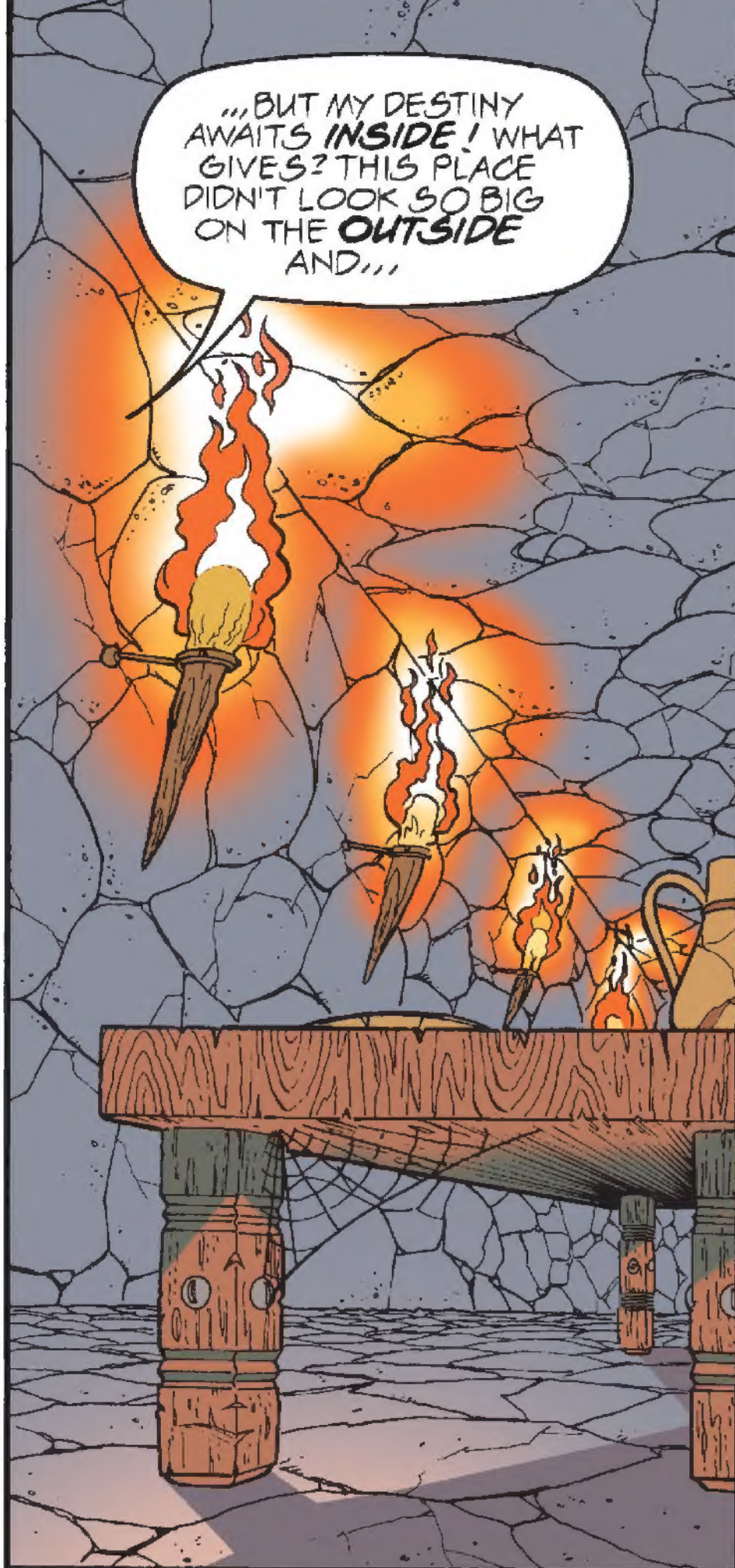
TIMBER!

CRUNCH

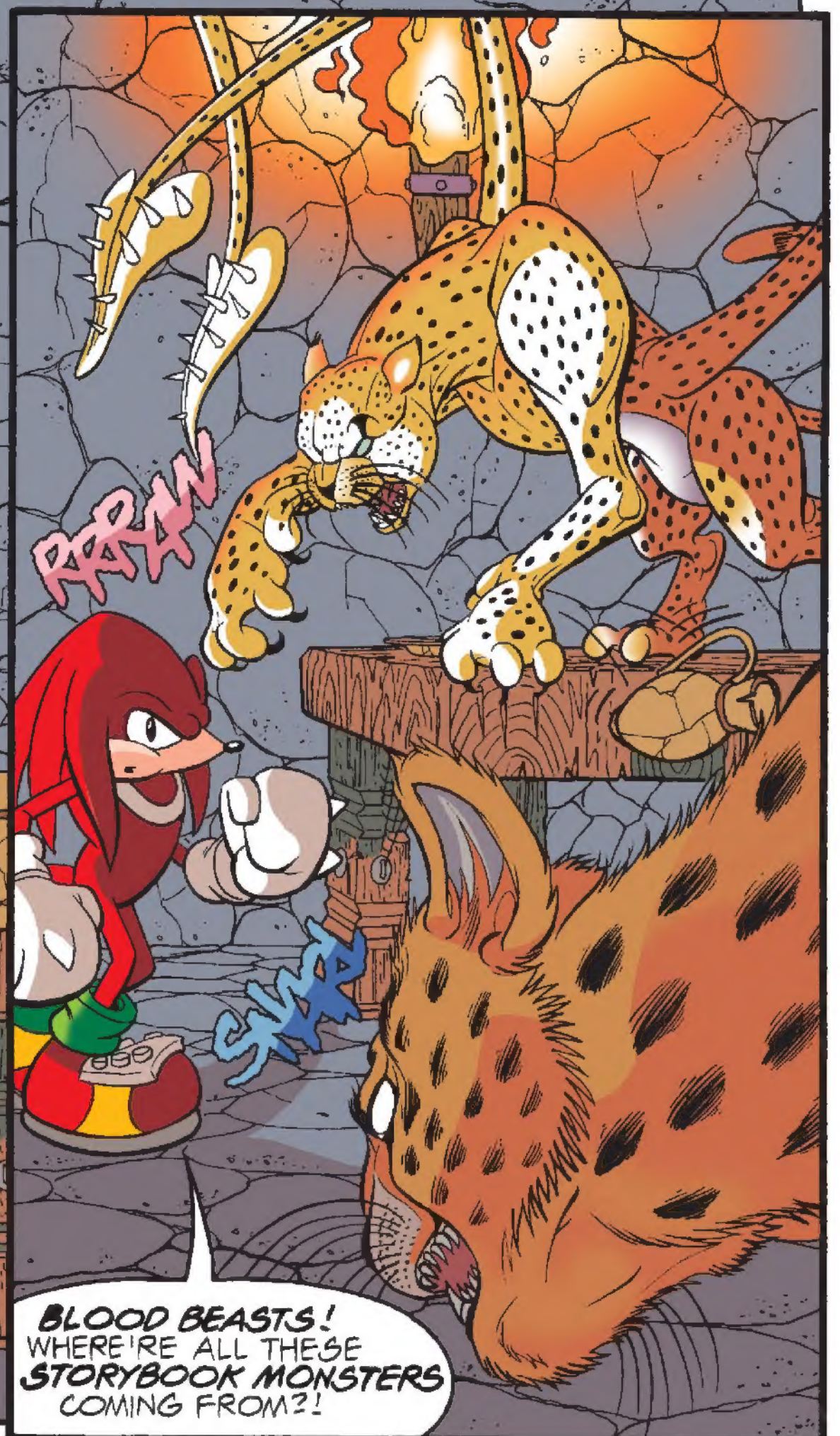


GONE?! I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHERE...

POIT



...BUT MY DESTINY AWAITS *INSIDE!* WHAT GIVES? THIS PLACE DIDN'T LOOK SO BIG ON THE *OUTSIDE* AND...



BLOOD BEASTS! WHERE'RE ALL THESE **STORYBOOK MONSTERS** COMING FROM?!

WELL, THE STORY GOES, "ATTACK THE DOMINANT ONE AND THEY BOTH SHALL FALL!" YOU'RE CLOSEST, SO...

TAG, FELIX, YOU'RE IT!

DOING A FADE-OUT TOO? GOOD! NOW NOTHING'S IN MY WAY, SO I CAN START SNOOPING!

THEN AGAIN...?! HMM... MAYBE I SHOULD START USING MY BRAIN IF I WANT TO SURVIVE! BUT FOR NOW...

HERE'S ONE FOR YOU...

...UH... NICE DRAGON!

...AND ONE FOR YOU!



"I'VE GOT TO THINK HARD... EXAMINE THE ANCIENT WALKERS' CRYPTIC MESSAGE..."

ON A ONCE LUSH WORLD AND ITS HUNK OF FLOATING STONE, THERE EXISTS A SORCERER, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE...

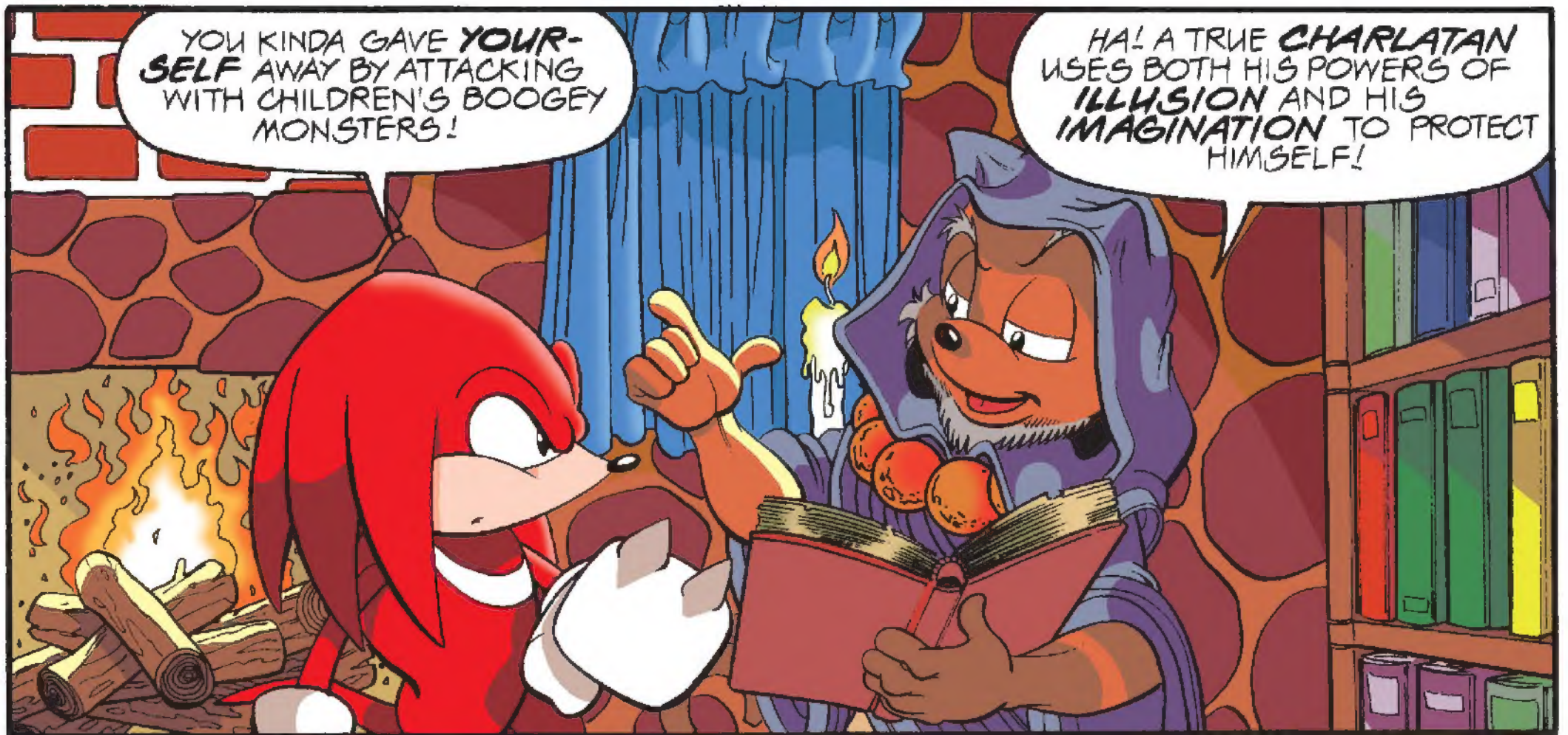
A CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS AND PALADIN WITH FAIRNESS AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE...

CHARLATAN... FAIRNESS... STORY-BOOK MONSTERS... THAT'S IT!

SIR, FORGIVE ME FOR INVADING YOUR HOME! I'M REALLY ON A PEACEFUL MISSION TO FIND KING ACORN'S SWORD!

LOOKS LIKE USING THE OL' NOODLE PAID OFF-- THE MONSTERS-- THE COTTAGE'S APPEARANCE... IT'S ALL AN ILLUSION!

THE BENEVOLENT ANCIENT WALKERS GRANTED YOU AN AUDIENCE, AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT YOU'VE LEARNED MY SECRET, I CAN DO NO LESS!



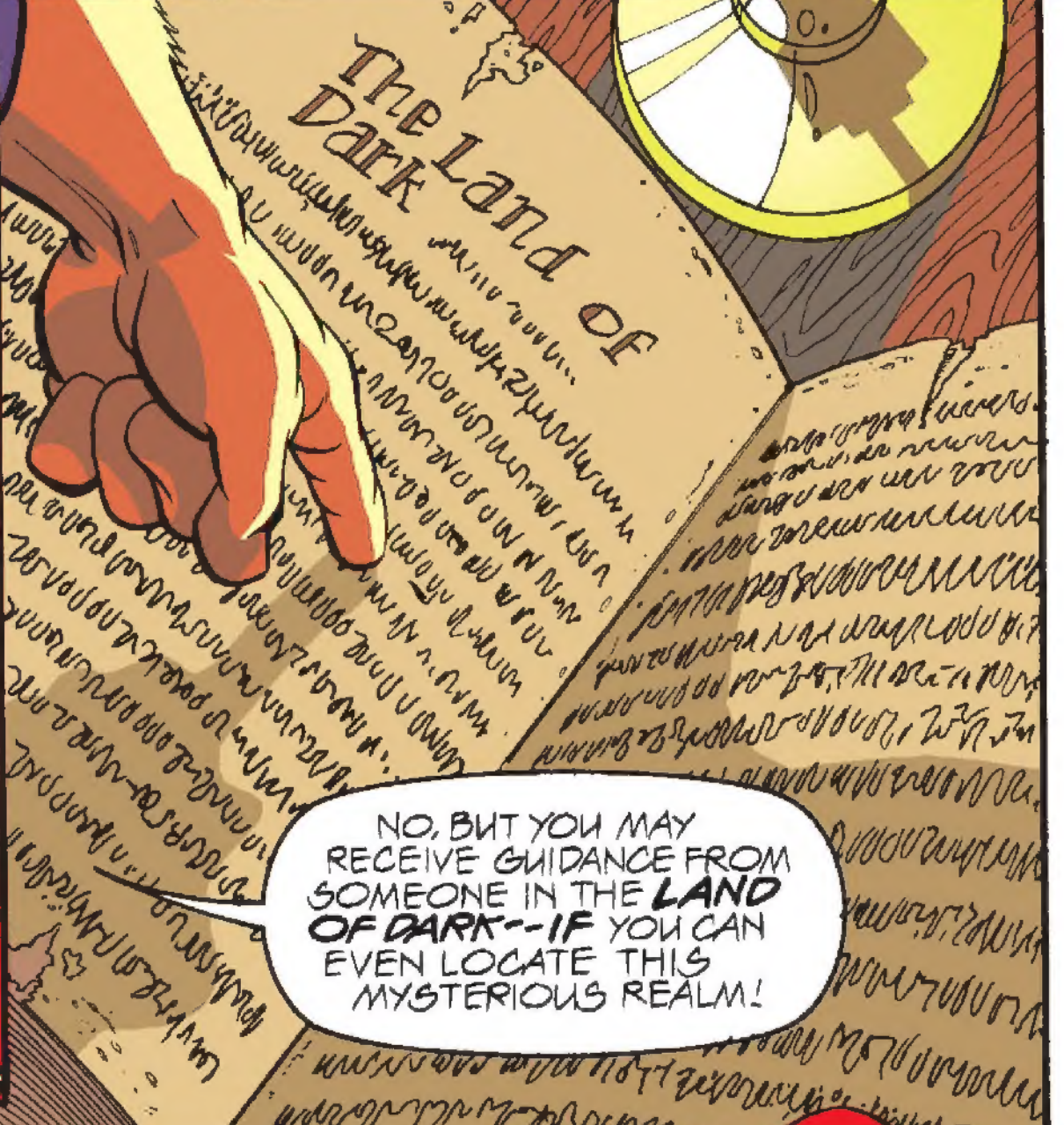
YOU KINDA GAVE **YOUR-SELF** AWAY BY ATTACKING WITH CHILDREN'S BOOGEY MONSTERS!

HA! A TRUE **CHARLATAN** USES BOTH HIS POWERS OF **ILLUSION** AND HIS **IMAGINATION** TO PROTECT HIMSELF!



...AND IN MY YOUTH I ALSO USED THEM IN SERVICE OF THE **KING!**

THEN YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROYAL SWORD IS?



NO, BUT YOU MAY RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM SOMEONE IN THE **LAND OF DARK**-- IF YOU CAN EVEN LOCATE THIS MYSTERIOUS REALM!



LOCATE?! YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS? GREAT! JUST GREAT!

SORRY, I WISH YOU LUCK AND A SAFE JOURNEY.



IF YOU SEE SIRE ACORN AGAIN, TELL HIM **MERLIN PROWER** WISHES HIM WELL!

I'LL SEE HIM AGAIN ALRIGHT-- AND WHEN I DO I'LL HAVE HIS SWORD! **BELIEVE IT!**

KNUCKLES GETS SIDE-TRACKED BUT RESUMES HIS QUEST IN SONIC ARCHIVES!